

IN THOSE DAYS JOHN THE BAPTIST CAME
PREACHING IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA,
“REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT
HAND.” FOR THIS IS HE WHO WAS SPOKEN OF BY
THE PROPHET ISAIAH WHEN HE SAID, “THE VOICE
OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: ‘PREPARE THE
WAY OF THE LORD; MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’”
NOW JOHN WORE A GARMENT OF CAMEL'S HAIR

MATTHEW 3:1-12

AND A LEATHER BELT AROUND HIS WAIST, AND HIS FOOD WAS LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. 5 THEN JERUSALEM AND ALL JUDEA AND ALL THE REGION ABOUT THE JORDAN WERE GOING OUT TO HIM, AND THEY WERE BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE RIVER JORDAN, CONFESSING THEIR SINS. BUT WHEN HE SAW MANY OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES COMING TO HIS BAPTISM, HE SAID TO THEM, "YOU

MATTHEW 3:1-12

BROOD OF VIPERS! WHO WARNED YOU TO FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME? BEAR FRUIT IN KEEPING WITH REPENTANCE. AND DO NOT PRESUME TO SAY TO YOURSELVES, 'WE HAVE ABRAHAM AS OUR FATHER,' FOR I TELL YOU, GOD IS ABLE FROM THESE STONES TO RAISE UP CHILDREN FOR ABRAHAM. EVEN NOW THE AXE IS LAID TO THE ROOT OF THE TREES. EVERY TREE THEREFORE THAT DOES

MATTHEW 3:1-12

NOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT IS CUT DOWN AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE. "I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER FOR REPENTANCE, BUT HE WHO IS COMING AFTER ME IS MIGHTIER THAN I, WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO CARRY. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE. HIS WINNOWING FORK IS IN HIS HAND, AND HE WILL CLEAR HIS THRESHING FLOOR AND GATHER HIS WHEAT INTO THE

MATTHEW 3:1-12

BARN, BUT THE CHAFF HE WILL BURN WITH
UNQUENCHABLE FIRE.”

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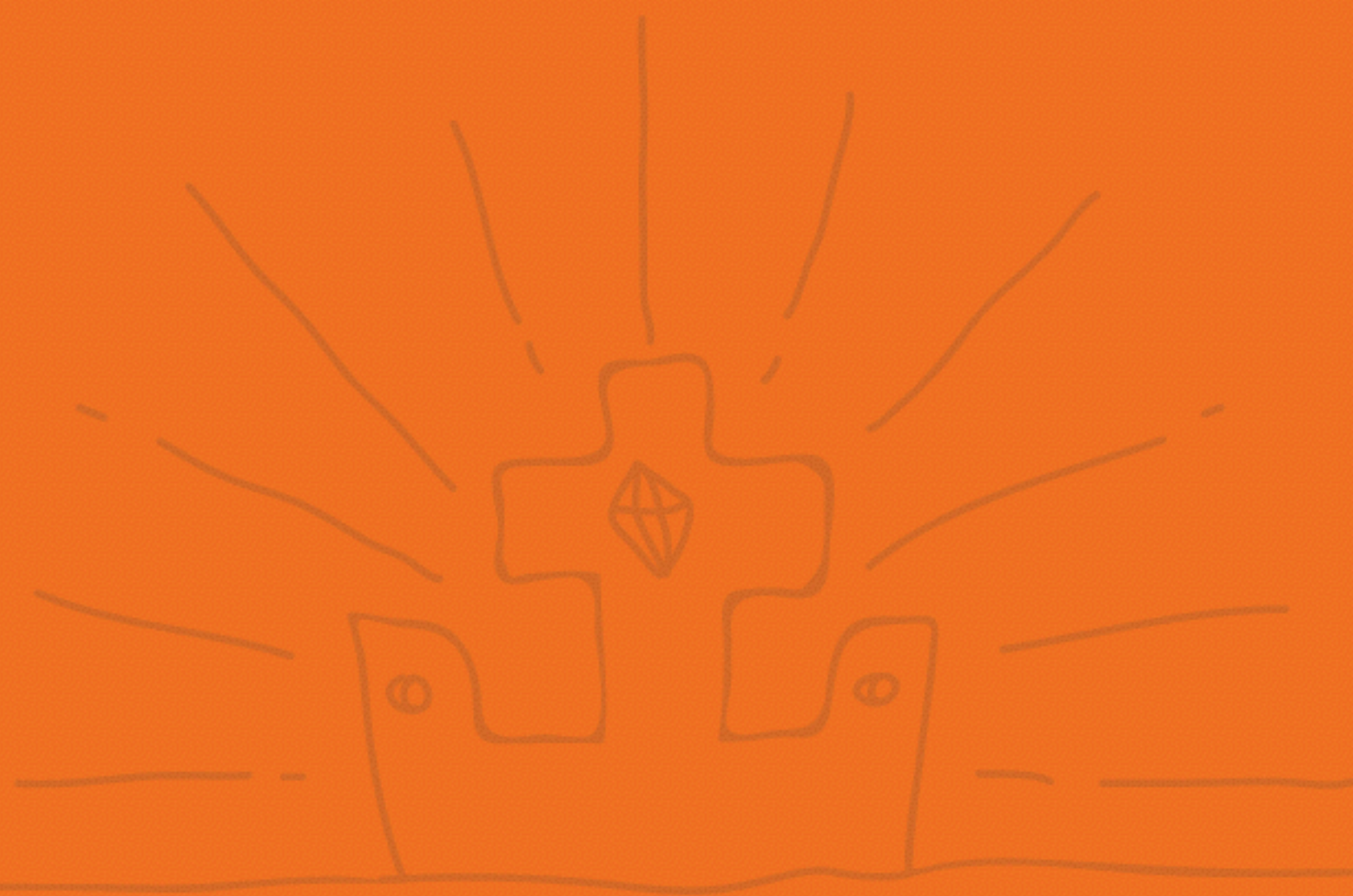
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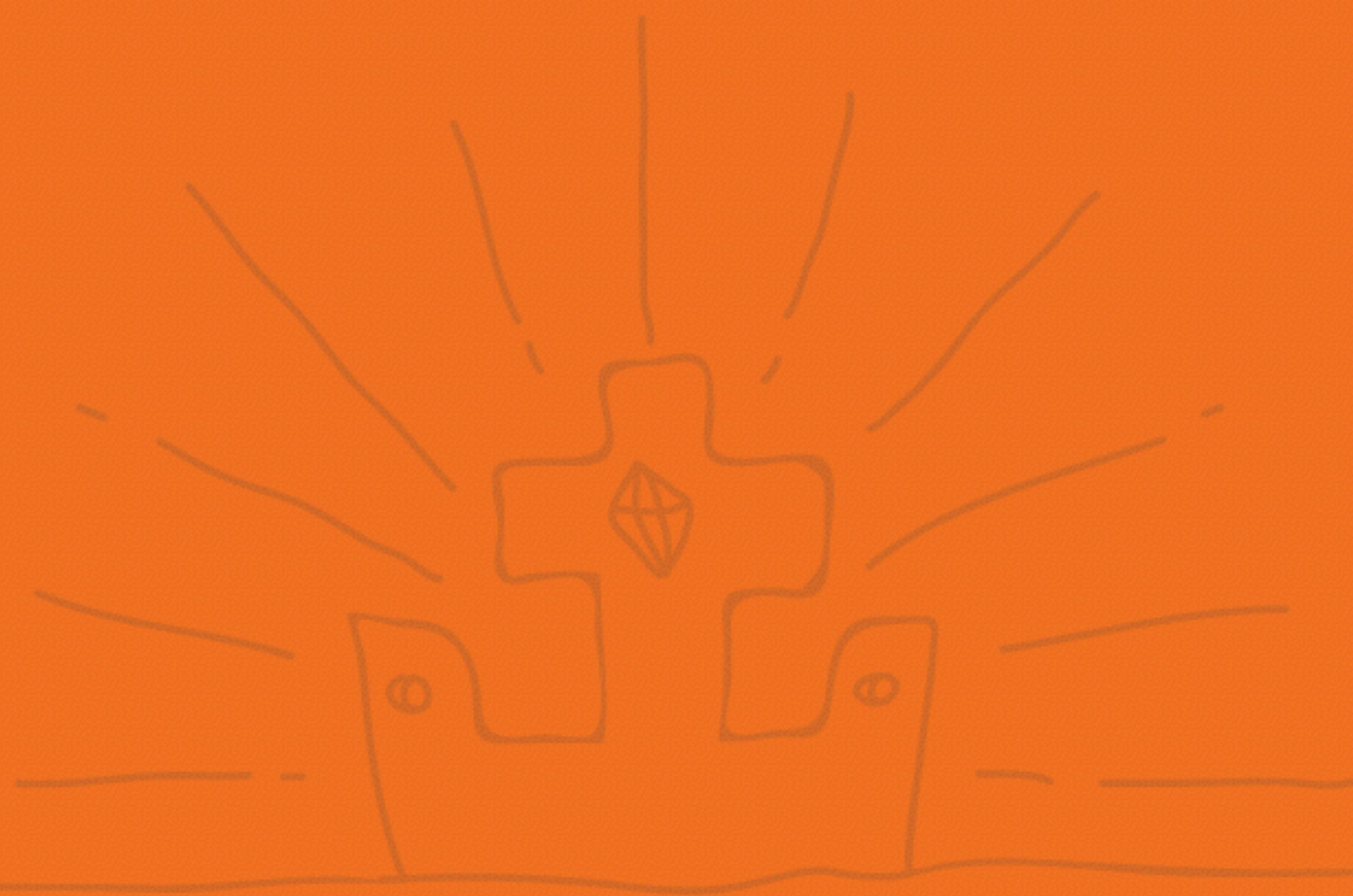
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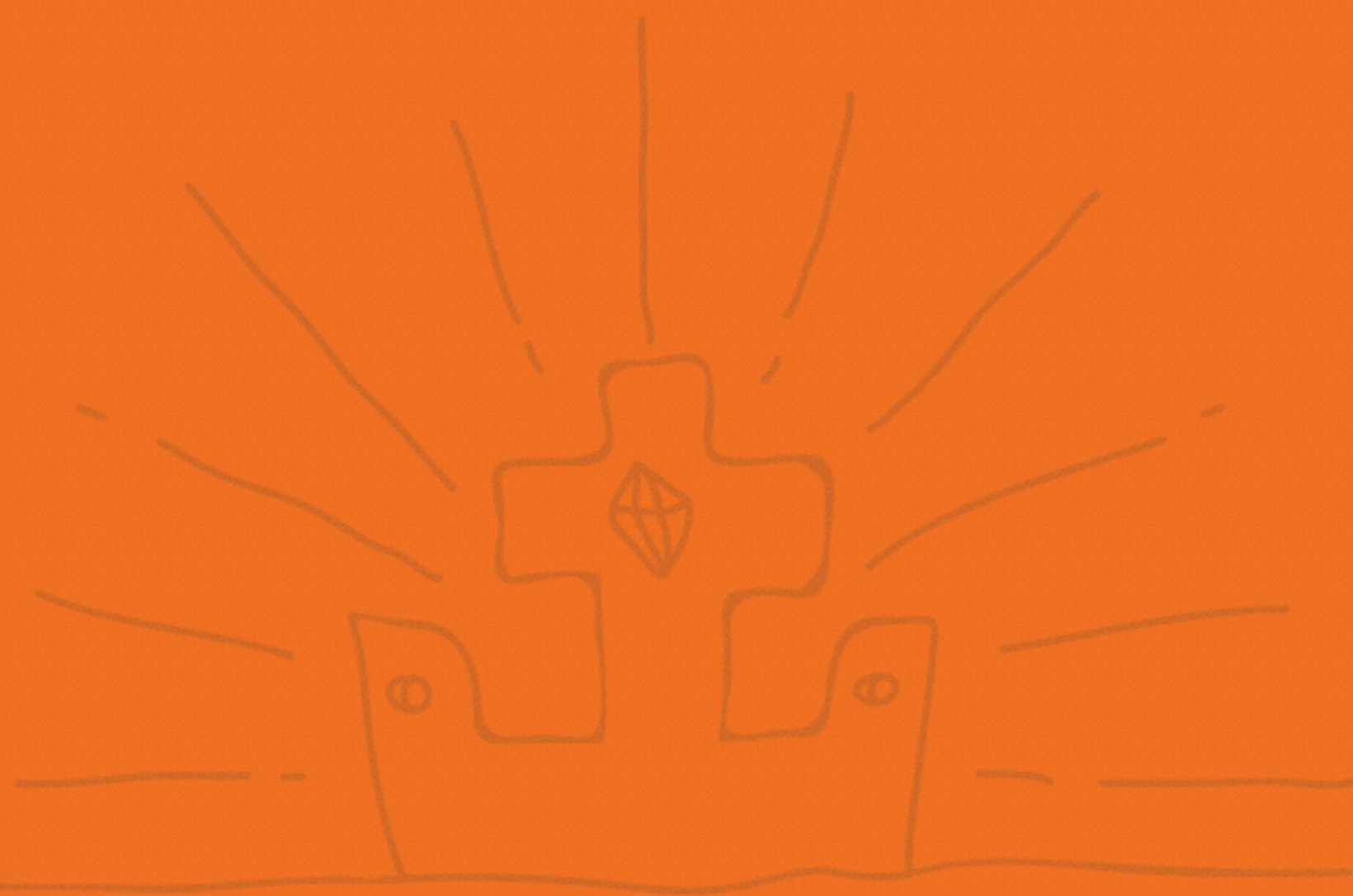
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REPENTANCE:

A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN YOUR
THINKING, THAT LEADS TO A SHIFT IN
THE VERY FABRIC OF YOUR LIFE.

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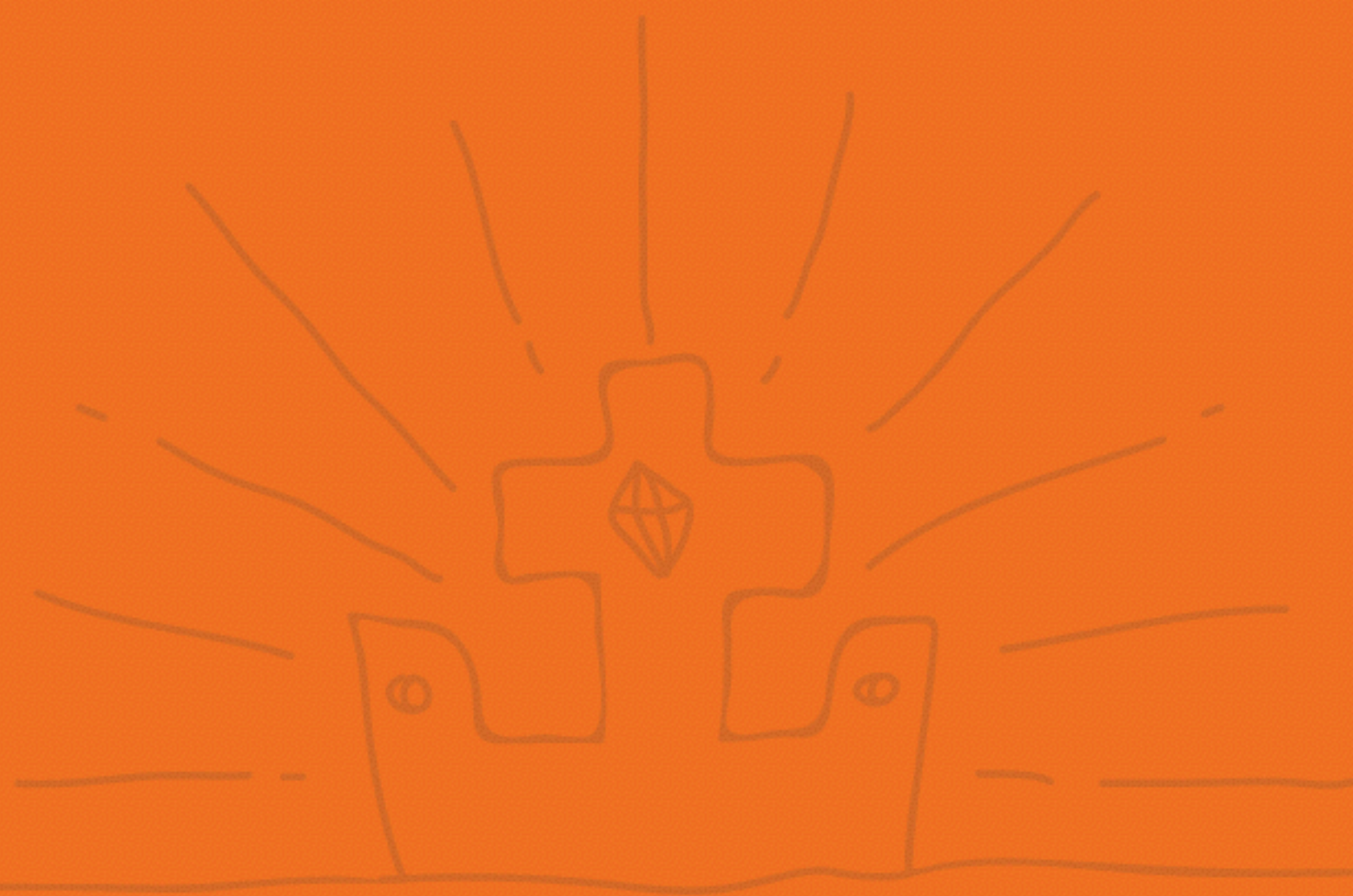


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WHEN THE SON WAS STILL A LONG WAY OFF, HIS FATHER SAW HIM. HIS HEART POUNDING, HE RAN OUT, EMBRACED HIM, AND KISSED HIM. THE SON STARTED HIS REPENTANCE SPEECH: 'FATHER, I'VE SINNED AGAINST GOD, I'VE SINNED BEFORE YOU; I DON'T DESERVE TO BE CALLED YOUR SON EVER AGAIN.' BUT THE FATHER WASN'T LISTENING.

LUKE 15:20-24

HE WAS CALLING TO THE SERVANTS, 'QUICK. BRING A CLEAN SET OF CLOTHES AND DRESS HIM. PUT THE FAMILY RING ON HIS FINGER AND SANDALS ON HIS FEET. THEN GET A GRAIN-FED HEIFER AND ROAST IT. WE'RE GOING TO FEAST! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME! MY SON IS HERE—GIVEN UP FOR DEAD AND NOW ALIVE! GIVEN UP FOR LOST AND NOW FOUND!' AND THEY BEGAN TO CELEBRATE.

LUKE 15:20-24

