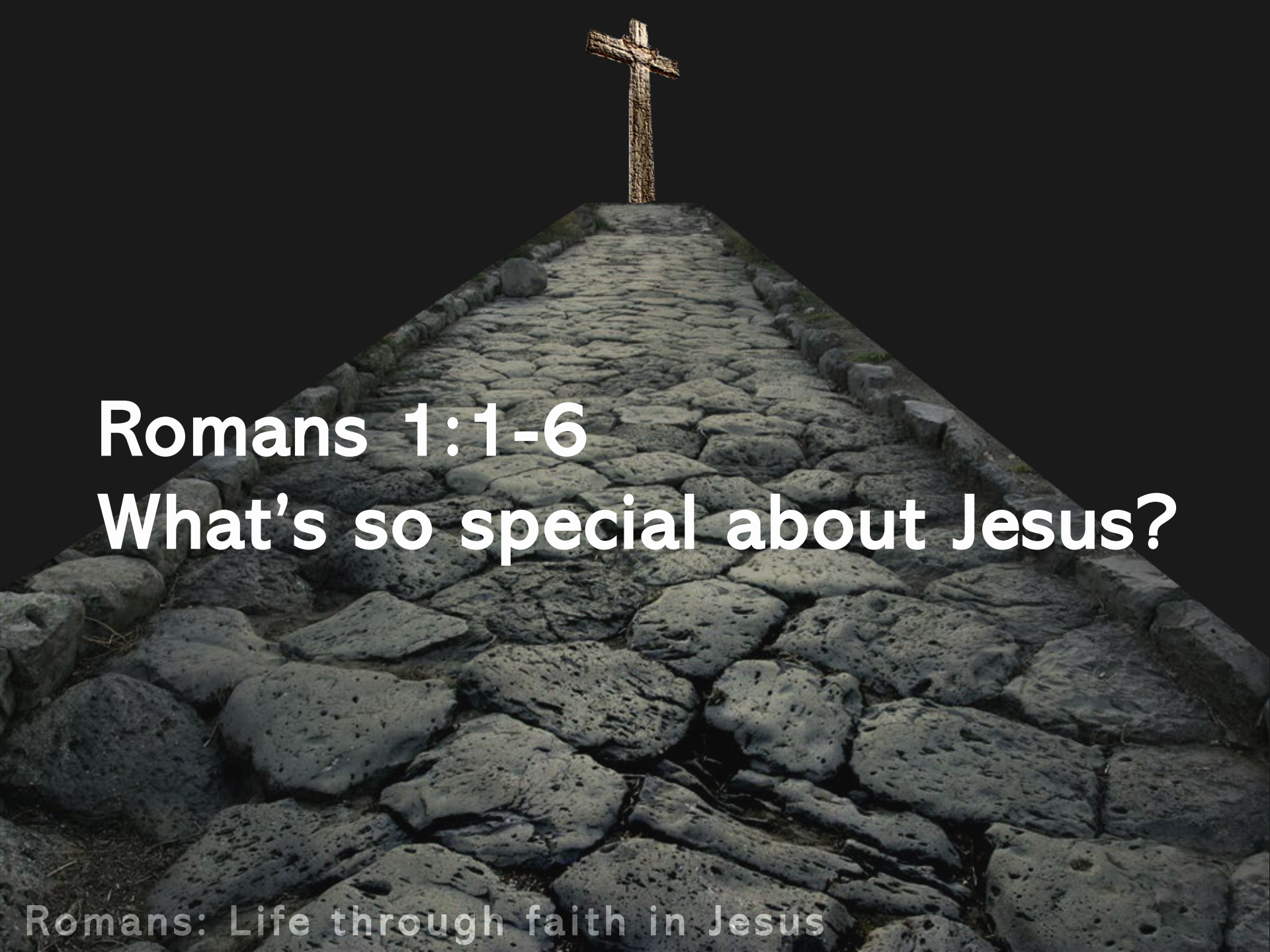
A perspective view of a stone path made of irregular, dark grey stones, leading towards a wooden cross at the horizon. The path is flanked by low stone walls. The background is a solid black sky.

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What's so special about Jesus?

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A stone cross stands at the end of a cobblestone path that leads into the distance. The path is made of dark, irregular stones and is flanked by low stone walls. The background is a dark, solid color.

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Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David



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⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

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Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.



Isaiah 53:1-12

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on
him, and by his wounds we are healed.



Isaiah 53:1-12

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.



Isaiah 53:1-12

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.



Isaiah 53:1-12

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was
punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,



Isaiah 53:1-12

though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and
cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life an
offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.



Isaiah 53:1-12

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will
justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among
the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the
strong,



Isaiah 53:1-12

because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the
transgressors.



Luke 4:16-21

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:



Luke 4:16-21

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the
prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,



Luke 4:16-21

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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Isaiah 11:1-3

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse
[David's family];

from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might,

the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the

LORD—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.



Matt. 1:1

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” — Matt. 16:16



Acts. 13:22-23

²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

²³ "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised.

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“...Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

Matt. 28:5-6



1 Cor. 15:20-23

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.



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Col. 1:15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



Col. 1:15-20

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.



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5. Jesus is Lord! (1:4)



Phil. 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



Phil. 2:5-11

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest
place
and gave him the name that is above every
name,



Phil. 2:5-11

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



John 20:28

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

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