The Brazen Serpent Numbers 21:4-9;

Num. 21:4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole**: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made **a serpent of brass**, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

I Cor. 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

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1. Christ the Way symbolized in the way of the Red Sea(The Way)
2. Christ the Bread of life, the bread of God and the Bread of Heaven symbolized in the Manna. (The Truth)
3. Christ the Savior and Deliverer lifted up, symbolized in the brazen Serpent.(The Life)

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

II Kings 18:4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

* Nehushtan - (That is a piece of brass)
* Crucifix - a model or image of Jesus Christ on the cross
* Symbols of the means of deliverance are not to be used to promote Idolatry.
* “There is… one Mediator…Christ Jesus” Gal. 3:20; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24