

THE KING OF OUR HEARTS

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Experiencing The Passion of Jesus, part 5

BIG IDEA: God was using the innocence of Jesus, and the rejection of his own people, to work in and thru an outsider, to bring us back to him.

Jesus... flogged... crown of thorns... a purple robe... "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

⁴ Pilate... "I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." ... "Behold, the man!" ... "Crucify! Crucify!" ... "You take him and crucify him." ... "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸ Pilate... more afraid... "Where do you come from?" ... "Don't you realize I have authority either to free you or to crucify you?" ... "You would have no authority over me if it were not given to you from above."

¹² Pilate tried to set Jesus free... "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar." ... It was the day of Preparation of the Passover... "Behold, your king..."

¹⁵ "Take him away! Crucify him!" ... "Shall I crucify your king?" ... "We have no king but Caesar" ... Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

1. **PROVIDENCE**—God is working in and thru all this darkness.

"This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead..." **Acts 2:23-24** (Gen. 50:20; 1 Cor. 2:7-8)

2. **INNOCENCE**—The innocent One will replace the guilty ones.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." **2 Cor. 5:21** (Is. 53; Heb. 7:26; Lk. 23:47; 1 Pet. 1:19)

3. **REJECTION**—His own people rejected him and wanted nothing to do with him as king. (John 1:10-11)

"But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but **they have rejected me as their king.**" **1 Samuel 8:6-7**

4. **RECEPTIVITY**—God works in and through a complete outsider.

"...His own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" **John 1:11-12** ESV

- **PROVIDENCE** (Rom. 8:28)
- **INNOCENCE** (Eph. 1:4; 1 John 1:9)
- **REJECTION** "God takes care of everything that is his."
- **RECEPTIVITY** is a way of life. (1 Cor. 4:7)
- **RETURN**—Come home! (1 Peter 3:18)