

THE KING WAS HANGING THERE

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Experiencing the Passion of Jesus, part 6

BIG IDEA: Jesus was sent to a criminal's death, yet even there he is still revealed as king. The King is hanging there, and God is working through it all.

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

1. **This is being done TO GOD. God is experiencing this.**
2. **In all this cruelty, Jesus is TAKING ALL THE SIN of all of us for all of time into himself.**

“Behold, the Lamb of God!” **John 1:36** ESV

“Out of that terrible travail of soul, he’ll see that it’s worth it and be glad he did it. Through what he experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many “righteous ones,” as he himself carries the burden of their sins.” **Isaiah 53:11** MESSAGE

“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” **Rom. 5:6-8** NLT

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man said, I am King of the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

“when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” **John 12:32** (John 3:14-15; 8:28)

3. **God’s Son is PAYING A PRICE with his own blood to buy back people from every tribe, tongue, nation and generation.**

“In Israel’s tribal society redemption was the act of a patriarch who put his own resources on the line to ransom a family member who had been driven to the margins of society by poverty, who had been seized by an enemy against whom he had no defense, who found themselves enslaved by the consequences of a faithless life. Redemption was the means by which a lost family member was restored to a place of security within the kinship circle (family).” **Sandra Richter** *Epic of Eden*.

“You were bought with a price” **1 Corinthians 7:23** ESV
(1 Pet. 1:18-19)