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MESSAGE: ICON – INRI (Irony)

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INRI

Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews

John's Gospel drips with irony

Irony: a literary technique that occurs when the full significance of a character's words or actions are clear to the audience or reader but are unknown to the character

Jesus . . . It's ironic that a common name was given to an uncommon person (John 12:32)

Nazareth . . . It's ironic that something good can come out of Nazareth (John 1:46)

King . . . It's ironic that Jesus is not a king who asks his people to die for *his* benefit, but a king who dies for his *people's*

Jesus is not a crucifying king

Jesus is a crucified king

(of the) Jews . . . It's ironic that Jesus' death redefines the wideness of God's mercy (Romans 3:29-30 NLT)

What is the irony in our current situation?

Memento Mori—“Remember your death”

It's ironic that it takes being reminded of our death for us to turn to the true source of life (John 11:25-26 NLT)

It's ironic that being reminded of our death can give us victory over our fear (Galatians 2:20 NIV)



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