

THE CROWN & THE CROSS

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The King at the Cross

- “Good Friday”.
- How can the day Jesus was crucified be called good?
- Good Friday is where we learn what sin costs and what love does.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men...

- By the time he reaches the cross he had been betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, abandoned by His disciples, had an unfair trial, mocked by soldiers, and beaten beyond recognition.
- Crucifixion was about death and shame.
- Why would he endure all of this?

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Sinners – unable to live up to God’s standards

John 19:28-30 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his

mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- “It is finished” – *Tetelestai* (Greek Accounting term) – paid in full.
- Jesus pays our debt in full.
- Our sin is paid in full.

Colossians 2:13-14 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

- His sacrifice is enough!

Matthew 26:53-54 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

- Jesus allowed this to happen for scripture to be fulfilled.
- He stayed the course because Jesus is merciful.

Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

- Forgiveness isn't pretending you're not hurt.
- You forgive and refuse to let the circumstances turn you into something unchrist like.
- You forgive because God forgave you.