

# The Best Friday Ever

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*...saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this **cup** from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."*  
—Luke 22:42 (ESV)

*When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by **struck** Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"*  
—John 18:22 (ESV)

*And some began to **spit** on him and to cover his face and to **strike** him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with **blows**.*  
—Mark 14:65 (ESV)

*And Herod with his soldiers treated him with **contempt** and **mocked** him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.*  
—Luke 23:11 (ESV)

*Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. 28 And they **stripped** him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and twisting together a **crown of thorns**, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they **mocked** him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 And they **spit** on him and took the reed and **struck** him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.*

—Matthew 27:27-31 (ESV)

*And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they **crucified** him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.*

—Luke 23:33 (ESV)

*And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you **forsaken** me?”*

—Mark 15:34 (ESV)

## **On our own...**

### **1. We are SINNERS**

*for **all** have **sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,*

—Romans 3:23 (ESV)

### **2. We are STUCK**

*34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a **slave** to sin.*

—John 8:34 (ESV)

*remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having **no hope** and **without God** in the world.*

—Ephesians 2:12 (ESV)

### **3. We are SEPARATED**

## **In Christ...**

### **1. We are FORGIVEN**

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,*

—Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)

### **2. We are FREE**

*But now that you have been **set free** from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

—Romans 6:22-23 (ESV)

### **3. We are FRIENDS**

*While we were God's **enemies**, he made us his **friends** through the death of his Son.*

—Romans 5:10 NCV

*but God shows his **love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

—Romans 5:8 (ESV)