

# The Gospel According to John “For All to See”

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So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’; but that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’”

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Therefore the soldiers did these things.

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# Main Point

Jesus' crucifixion publicly and powerfully proclaimed redemption for all, profoundly fulfilled prophecy, and provided opportunity for Him to practice law-keeping compassion.

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Jesus was made to carry His cross through the streets of Jerusalem out to the execution site as a form of public humiliation.

# Consider:

Adam had eaten from a tree  
placing a burden on all.

Jesus publicly carried the burden  
of a tree on behalf of us all.

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Roman crucifixions were intentionally conspicuous so as to send a clear message to the people.

Jesus' conspicuous crucifixion was  
a public display of our redemption.

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**Are you in Christ Jesus?**



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Pilate published Jesus'  
sovereignty *prominently*.

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What Pilate wrote out of contempt,  
God used to proclaim to all the  
nations that Jesus is the Messiah,  
the Christ, the sovereign Lord!

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Jesus became a curse and freed us from sin by hanging on a tree.



# A Profound Fulfillment of Prophecy

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## **Isaiah 53:12**

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**John 19:18**

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**Matthew 27:38**

At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

Jesus was numbered with sinners  
-- that means He was numbered  
with you and me, *for* you and me!

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Jesus *garments* were divided by lot.

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When Adam ate of the tree,  
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When Jesus was hung on the tree, He was  
stripped for all to see His nakedness so that  
we could be clothed in His righteousness.

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## Jesus' Practice of Law-Keeping Compassion



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God's word, "Honor your father and mother," implied that a son was required to care for his parents in the needs of their old age.

Consider that even  
in the intensity of great agony,  
Jesus kept the Law for you!



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by the heart of the law—**love!**

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True law keeping is *always*  
motivated by love.

When Jesus saw His mother,  
He loved her; and in an amazing  
display of compassion, He cared  
for her by making provision for her  
even while He hung dying.

# Consider:

The compassion that moved Him to provide for his mother while on the cross is the same compassion that moved Him to ***go to*** the cross on your behalf to provide for your salvation.

# Conclusion

Jesus is the only Son of God, the only Messiah, the only Savior of the world; there is salvation in no other name; apart from Him, there is only death.

In Him alone is life and peace.

**Come to Him and be believing!**