

A crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, is the central background element. It consists of a dense, tangled mass of dark, sharp thorns and lighter, dried branches. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture and sharp points of the thorns against a dark, shadowy background.

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...a day full of 'D's'...

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Luke 9:18-22

¹⁸ Now it happened that as He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him.

And He asked them, *“Who do the crowds say that I am?”*

¹⁹ And they answered, *“John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.”*

²⁰ Then He said to them, *“But who do you say that I am?”*

And Peter answered, *“The Christ of God.”*

²¹ And He strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,

²² saying, ***“The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”***

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Luke 9:37-45

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain,
a great crowd met Him.

³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out,

“Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

³⁹ *And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so
that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him.*

⁴⁰ *And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”*

⁴¹ Jesus answered, *“O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and
bear with you? Bring your son here.”*

⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him.
But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy,
and gave him back to his father.

⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

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But while they were all marveling at everything He was doing,
Jesus said to His disciples,

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“Let these words sink into your ears:

The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.”

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But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them,
so that they might not perceive it.
And they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

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Luke 18

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’”

²¹ And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.”

²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said,

“How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

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²⁶ Those who heard it said, *“Then who can be saved?”*

²⁷ But He said, *“What is impossible with man is possible with God.”*

²⁸ And Peter said, *“See, we have left our homes and followed you.”*

²⁹ And He said to them,

“Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children,

for the sake of the kingdom of God,

³⁰ *who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”*

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31 And taking the twelve, He said to them,

“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

32 ***For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.***

33 ***And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.”***

34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

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Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by His grace as a gift,
through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus,
whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood,
to be received by faith.

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Galatians 3:10-14

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them."

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Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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Colossians 2:13-14

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, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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II Corinthians 5:20b-21

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be **reconciled** to God.

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become the **righteousness** of God.

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I Corinthians 11

- ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread,
²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,
“This is my body, which is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
- ²⁵ In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”
- ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

