

Matthew 27:27-29 (NIV)

[27] Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. [28] They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, [29] and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

Matthew 27:30-31 (NIV)

[30] They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. [31] After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:35-37 (NIV)

[35] When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

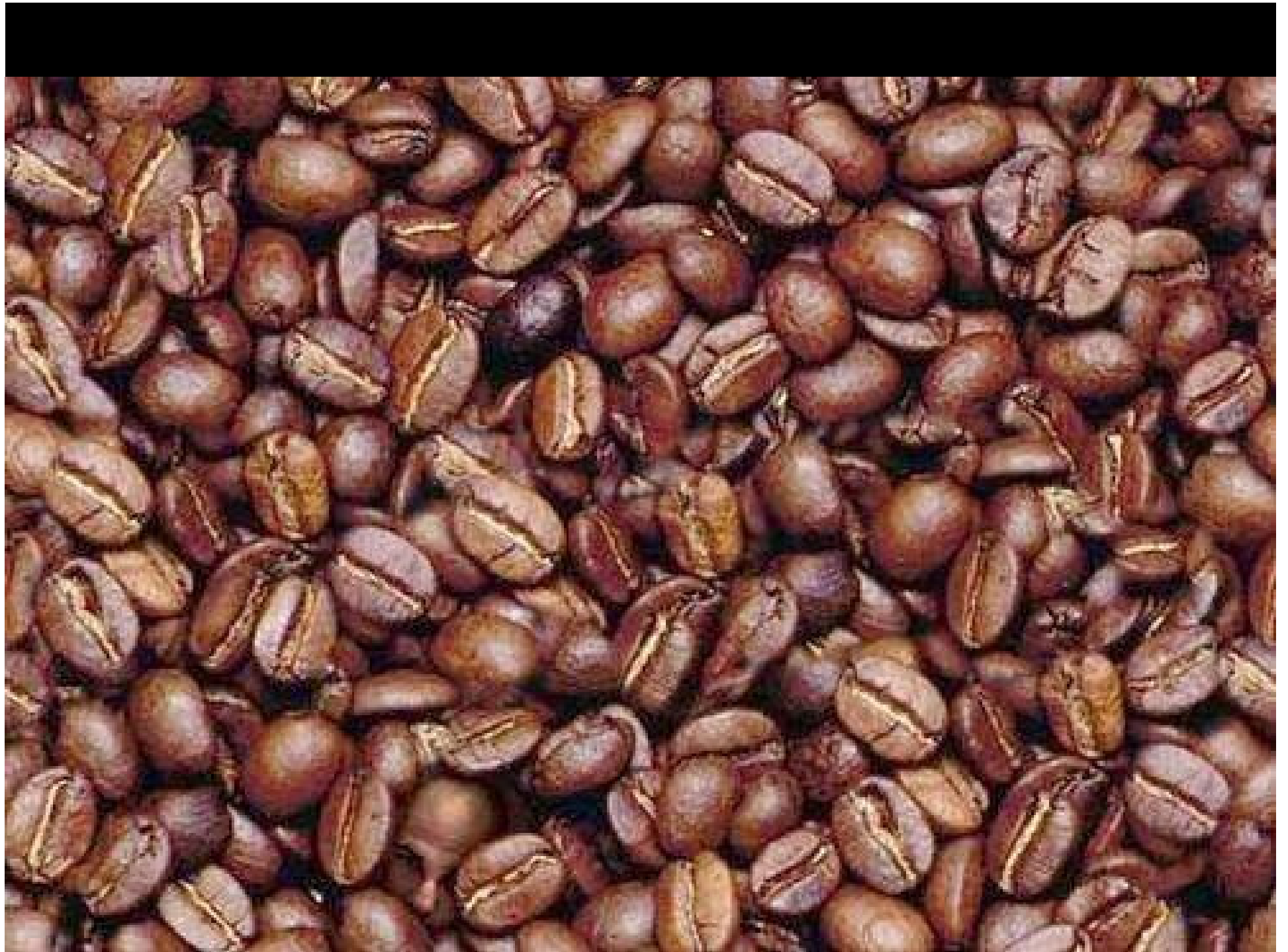
[36] And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. [37] Above his head

they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

The HIDDEN Message of the CROSS

Matthew 27:27-51

In the Bible has some things are
VERY OBVIOUS -
and some things are
MORE HIDDEN





Matthew 1:1 (NIV)

A record of the **genealogy** of
Jesus Christ the SON of David,
the son of Abraham:

Matthew 2:2 (NIV)

"Where is the one who has been
BORN KING of the Jews?

We saw his star in the east and have
come to worship him."

Matthew 27:11 (NIV)

..."Are you **THE KING** of the Jews?"

"YES, it is as you say,"

Jesus replied.

Matthew 20:25-28 (NIV)

..."You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials **exercise authority** over them. [26] **Not so with you.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, [27] and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - [28] just as

the Son of Man did NOT come to BE SERVED, but to SERVE, and to give his life as a RANSOM for many."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

..."**All AUTHORITY in heaven and on earth has been GIVEN to ME.**

[19] Therefore **GO** and **MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

[20] and **TEACHING** them **TO OBEY** everything I have commanded you. And surely **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age."

Philippians 2:8-11 (HCS)

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death - even to death on a cross. [9] **For this reason God highly EXALTED Him** and gave Him the name that is above every name, [10] so that **at the name of Jesus EVERY knee WILL bow** - of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth - [11] and **EVERY tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,**
to the glory of God the Father.

Not the labor of my hands

- Can fulfill Thy law's demands -

Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Could my tears forever flow

- For my sin would not atone -

Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,

- Simply to Thy **CROSS I CLING -**

Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Jesus was capable of saving
Himself by coming down
from the cross

but **He SHOWED His POWER**
by staying **ON the CROSS.**

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Matthew 16:15-17 (NIV)

... "Who do you say I am?" [16] Simon Peter answered, **"You are the CHRIST, the Son of the living God."**

[17] Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was **NOT** revealed to you by man, but by my **Father in heaven.**

Matthew 16:21 (NIV)

...**Jesus began to explain** to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and **SUFFER MANY THINGS** at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that **HE MUST BE KILLED** and **ON THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED TO LIFE.**

Matthew 16:22-23 (NIV)

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "**NEVER, Lord!**" he said. "**This shall NEVER happen to you!**" [23] Jesus turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan!** You are a stumbling block to me; **you do not have in mind the things of God,** but the things of men."

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the **AUTHOR** and **PERFECTER**
of our **faith**,
who for the **JOY** set before him
ENDURED the **cross**, scorning its shame,
and **SAT DOWN** at the right hand
of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the AUTHOR and PERFECTER of our faith,

who for the **JOY** set before him **ENDURED** the

CROSS, scorning its shame, and sat down

at the right hand of the throne of God.

[3] **CONSIDER HIM** who endured such

opposition from sinful men, **SO THAT**

you will not grow WEARY and LOSE HEART.

It was **NOT** the nails that **HELD** Jesus to that wretched cross; it was His unqualified resolution, out of **love** for His Father, to do His Father's will - and, within that framework, it was His **love** for sinners like us.

He really could NOT save Himself.

Matthew 26:52-54 (NIV)

"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. [53] **Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?** [54] But how then would the **Scriptures be FULFILLED** that say **it MUST happen in this way?"**

Philippians 2:8 (NIV)

And being found in appearance as a man,

He humbled Himself

and became **OBEDIENT to death -**

even death on a CROSS!

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

**Your ATTITUDE should be
the **SAME AS** that of Christ Jesus:**

[6] Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, [7] but **made himself nothing**, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

QUESTIONS

1. What truth most touches your heart when you think of the CROSS of Jesus?
2. Can we add anything to what Jesus did on the cross for us? Why do we Try?
3. How can we make sure Jesus is Lord and King in our Daily lives?