



# *The Easter Experience*

## *“Punished for Me”*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it  
is the power of God unto salvation to every one  
that believe; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16, KJV

**When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand.**

**Matthew 27:29, NKJV**

**Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.**

**Matthew 27:30, NKJV**

**When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.**

**John 19:30, KJV**

**Four types of people around  
Jesus' Crucifixion.**

# *I. Misunderstood Jesus*

**41 Likewise the chief priests also,  
mocking with the scribes and elders,  
said,**

**42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot  
save.**

**If He is the King of Israel, let Him now  
come down from the cross, and we will  
believe Him."**

**For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit...**

**1 Peter 3:18, NKJV**

## ***II. The Angry***

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**Then one of the criminals who  
were hanged blasphemed Him,  
saying,  
"If You are the Christ, save  
Yourself and us."**

**Luke 23:39, NKJV**

**When you are in pain or  
difficulty,  
in what ways does your  
view of God change?**

# *III. Blamed Jesus*

**43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver  
Him now if He will have Him; for He  
said, 'I am the Son of God.**

**44 Even the robbers who were crucified  
with Him reviled Him with the same  
thing.**

**Matthew 27:43-44, NKJV**

**39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."**

**40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"**

**Luke 23:39-40, NKJV**

# *IV. Adore Him*

So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Matthew 27:54, NKJV