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“And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means place of a Skull...and Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last” —Mark 15:22-39

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The way of the cross. Death by fastening an image bearer of God to a tree, timber, planking of some sort has taken many forms in history, all of them meant to make the one executed last in pain for as long as possible.

This form of capital punishment did not begin with the Romans but possible with the Assyrians. Darius I is said to have crucified 3,000 Babylonians, Alexander the Great some 2,000 in Tyre. The Romans did however perfect it but only for slaves not Roman citizens.

For those whose end was the cross it was a horrific and barbaric treatment which speaks to the depth of humanities heinous depravity. This also says much of the distance Jesus traveled from the heights of heaven to the lowest possible form of death on earth, a slave's death.

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Job talked of God's creation as the "outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?" The death of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is not on the outskirts of God's plan but the very heart of salvation, the thunder of it. Job 26:14.

Isaiah 25:9... "on that day...we have waited for him let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Paul says it is the power of God for salvation. Romans 1:16.

That a man would hang on a cross was an offence to God but to think that the Son of God would hang would be an unthinkable blasphemy. The message of the cross is that Christ embodied there all the power and wisdom of God to reclaim men and women setting it against all worldly wisdom of man and man's religions.

Jesus came to live the perfect life you had no way of living, to die the death you deserve to die, to the glory of the Father and for the benefit of those who would believe.

Do you think your worth dying for? Would you have left the most amazing place you can think of to do it? Would you die for you knowing what you are like? Jesus did. He is your crucified king.