



Often asked – Who killed Jesus? Jews? Romans?

While the Jewish religious leaders had him arrested and condemned due to their jealousy and feigned allegiance to the Law of Moses:

Jesus surrendered to the temple guards and was condemned because of God's jealous love for sinners and his commitment to redeem them and his allegiance to his law of love.

While Pilate the Roman governor, in spite of saying he was not guilty, sentenced him to die on the cross due to trumped up charges of treason against Rome:

Triune God of the universe allowed him to go to the cross for the true charges against mankind for treason against Him.

Jesus was not held on the cross by the strength of iron.

God's love for sinners was much stronger.

Jesus was not held on the cross by the 7-9" spikes pounded into hands and feet by Romans Soldiers.

God's mercy and grace was more powerful

Jesus was not kept on the cross by the soldiers, armed with swords and spears, who were watching and guarding him.

God's angels were watching and and just one angel was more than a match for the entire Roman army.

The Plan of salvation required it.

# Sin For Us



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**2 Corinthians 5:21 (MOFF) 21 In our behalf,  
He made him to be sin who himself knew  
nothing of sin, so that in him we might  
become the righteousness of God.**



Luther called this verse the Great Exchange.

I have referred to it as the Greatest Transaction – from our perspective  
Ellen White – he was treated as we deserve that we might be treated  
as He deserved.

Moffatt's translation – closest to original.

Made sin not became sin

Do not become righteous, focus on actions

Become Righteousness, focus on being

**Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.**

NKJV – more familiar

Greek words have richer meaning than any English version/translation conveys

### God's Word Translation

3 He was **despised** and **rejected** by people. He was a man of **sorrows**, **familiar** with **suffering**. He was despised like one from whom people turn their faces, and we didn't consider him to be worth anything.

3 He was **despised** -- discounted and scorned  
**rejected** by people – wanted no part of him.  
He was a man of **sorrows** – physical and mental  
**familiar** – knowledge gained by the senses  
with **suffering** – wounds from battle injuries.

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3 He was despised and rejected by people. He was a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering. He was **despised** like one **from whom people turn their faces**, and **we didn't consider him** to be worth anything.

He was **despised** – discounted and rejected like one **from whom people turn their faces**  
-- a broken relationship,

**Esteemed** him not – didn't give a second thought

4 He certainly **has taken upon himself** our **suffering** and carried our **sorrows**, but we thought that God had wounded him, beat him, and punished him.

He certainly has **taken upon himself** – bearing of guilt and sin for another.

**Suffering** – wounds from battle injuries

**Carried** – load given a servant as punishment

**Sorrows** – pain from a broken heart



4 He certainly has taken upon himself our suffering and carried our sorrows, but we thought that God had **wounded** him, beat him, and **punished** him.

God had **wounded (stricken)** – describes guilty receiving punishment they deserve

beat him (smitten) – God as subject, judgment on sin

**Punished (afflicted)** – looked down on him

5 He was **wounded** for our rebellious acts. He was **crushed** for **our sins**. He was **punished** so that we could have peace, and we received healing from his wounds.

He was **wounded** – a piercing, fatal wound  
**transgression** – breach of a relationship

**crushed (bruised)** – Genesis 3:15

**sins** – the totality of our bent, twisted, and distorted behaviors

**Punished** (chastisement) – the discipline that includes both punishment and instruction

5 He was wounded for our rebellious acts. He was crushed for our sins. He was punished so that we could have **peace**, and we received **healing** from his **wounds**.

**Peace** – shalom, being restored to the one who is wronged so that there is a complete and fulfilling restoration.

**Wounds** (stripes) – root word idea of joined together

**Healed** – God is the cause or source and there is a sense of complete healing and restoration.

*Read verse 5 aloud as written,  
then read the paraphrase below it.*

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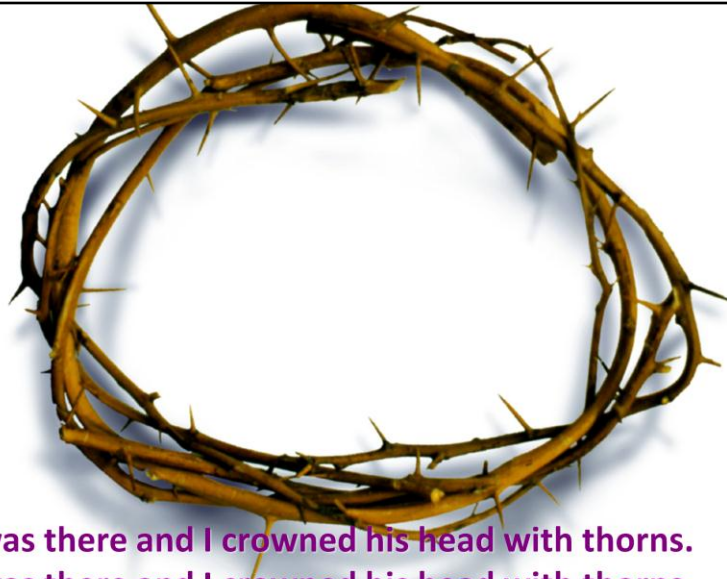
He was wounded for (your name) rebellious acts. He was crushed for *my* sins. He was punished so that (your name) could have peace, and with his stripes I am healed.



**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

Sing the spiritual, "Were You There?" at this time of year as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ.

Sing it, but in a more personal way.

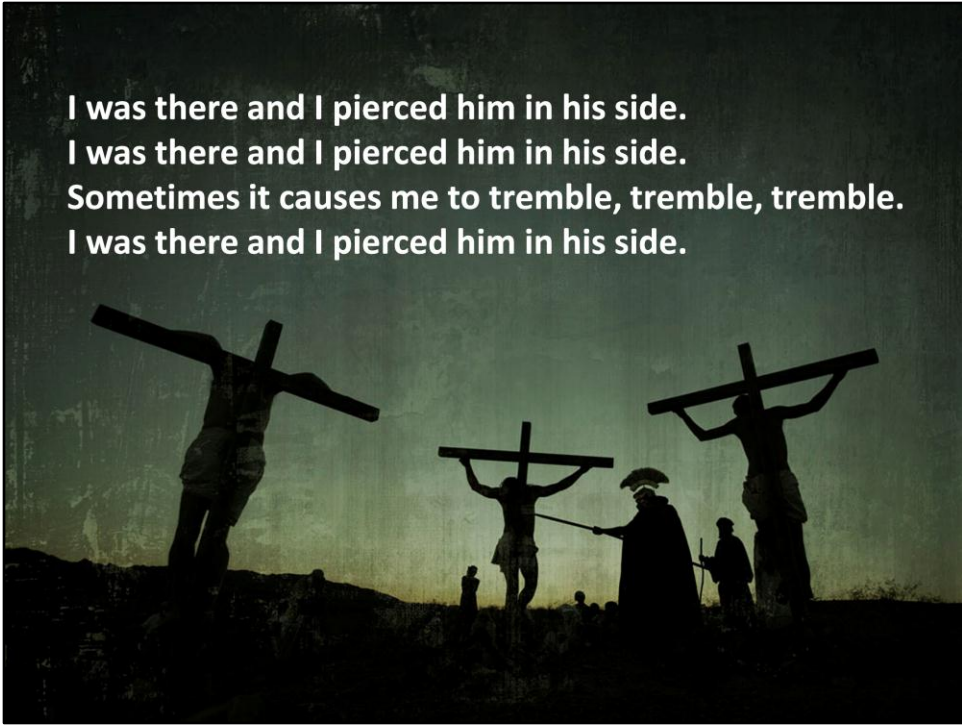


I was there and I crowned his head with thorns.  
I was there and I crowned his head with thorns.  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
I was there and I crowned his head with thorns.

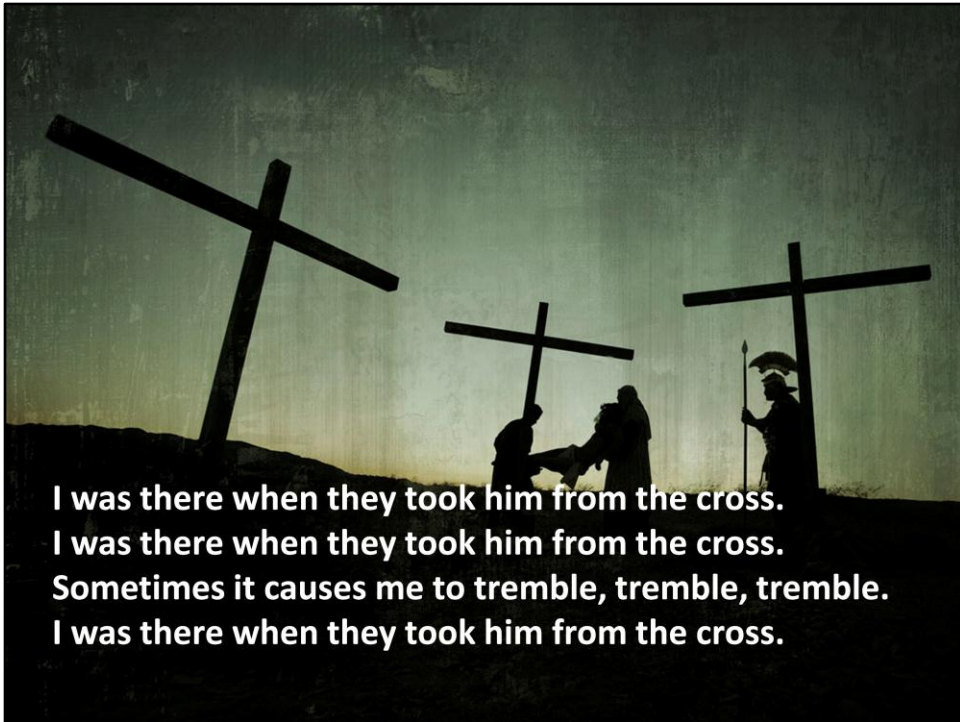
**I was there and I nailed him to a tree.  
I was there and I nailed him to a tree.  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
I was there and I nailed him to a tree.**



**I was there and I pierced him in his side.  
I was there and I pierced him in his side.  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
I was there and I pierced him in his side.**







**I was there when they took him from the cross.  
I was there when they took him from the cross.  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
I was there when they took him from the cross.**

