



## *How Deep The Father's Love For Us* *Day 2: Verse 2 (partial)*

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers

### *Scripture Reference*

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegary and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

- *Luke 23: 35-39*



This song allows us to dig more fully into small parts of each verse, as well as the crucifixion from various accounts in the Gospel. What a privilege. Today, we focus on the mockers. But first, let's rewind just a few days – to the triumphal entry. Luke 19:38 tells us that just a few short days earlier, many had praised Jesus exclaiming “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” They had such excitement for Jesus' arrival.

*In what areas of your life do you show excitement for Jesus' presence, arrival, or assistance? How do you express that excitement to Him and to others?*

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Now, back to the crucifixion – just a few short days after proclaiming excitement, the crowd now mocks Him. While we know many who mocked never acknowledged Jesus' authority, maybe some of those who had previously exalted Him were the very same to mock Him. Aren't we all guilty of that? At times, we exalt, and, at other times, we scoff. Maybe not verbally, but through our actions, our thoughts, or simply lack of faith. Dear one, we're not that different than those who experienced Jesus in Jerusalem. We are part of that mocking crowd. It's our sin that put Jesus on that cross as well.

*In what ways in your life do you scoff or mock Jesus? What actions, thoughts, words, or disbelief do you express that don't reflect your love for Jesus? Ask Jesus for His forgiveness today in all the ways you directly or indirectly mock Him.*

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Why do we scoff or mock Jesus? Many of those that exalted Jesus earlier in the week were disappointed by Him. They thought He would come to bring triumph over the Romans – in that very time. A warrior on their behalf. They did not understand that He *would* bring victory, He *would* triumph – *just in a different way*. They did not understand, so they felt disappointment – and in their human failures, they mocked. Some were scared. Scared to make a stand for Jesus. Scared of personal loss, sacrifice, devotion. Even Peter denies Jesus three times in just a day. Fear led to scoffing. We each have our own excuses, but regardless, we are guilty of scoffing or mocking.

*Think on the above ways you scoff or mock Jesus. Why do you think you scoff or mock? What is the underlying reason for some of those actions, thoughts, or words? Ask the Holy Spirit for help today to overcome some of those reasons.*

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On that day, on the cross, a sign was established to mock Jesus “This is the King of the Jews.” Yet, they did not realize just how much of a King our Jesus is. Ironically, or providentially some might say, in mocking Jesus they spoke four different times of Jesus’ saving power. They reiterated His purpose – **to save others**. He did not come to save himself, but to save the world. To save you. Oh, how we miss that at times, don’t we?

*In what ways in your life does your scoffing or mocking overlook or underplay Jesus’ saving power? Are you ignoring His saving power in your life and, if so, in what ways? Praise Jesus for His saving power – even when you don’t fully recognize it. Let His power settle inside you.*

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