



**MARK: THE SERVANT KING
THE CROSS THAT HAD TO BE**

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BIG IDEA: The cross was not a tragedy but a substitution, reconciling sinners to God.

(vv. 1-15) The gospel is not about getting what we deserve — it's about receiving what we could never earn.

(vv. 16-20) True power is revealed in restraint, not retaliation.

(vv. 21-32) What the world sees as weakness is actually the greatest display of power.

(vv. 33-37) Because Jesus was forsaken, no believer ever has to be.

(vv. 38-39) The barrier between God and humanity was removed by Jesus' death, not by human effort.

(vv. 40-47) When all seems lost, God is still at work accomplishing His sovereign plan.