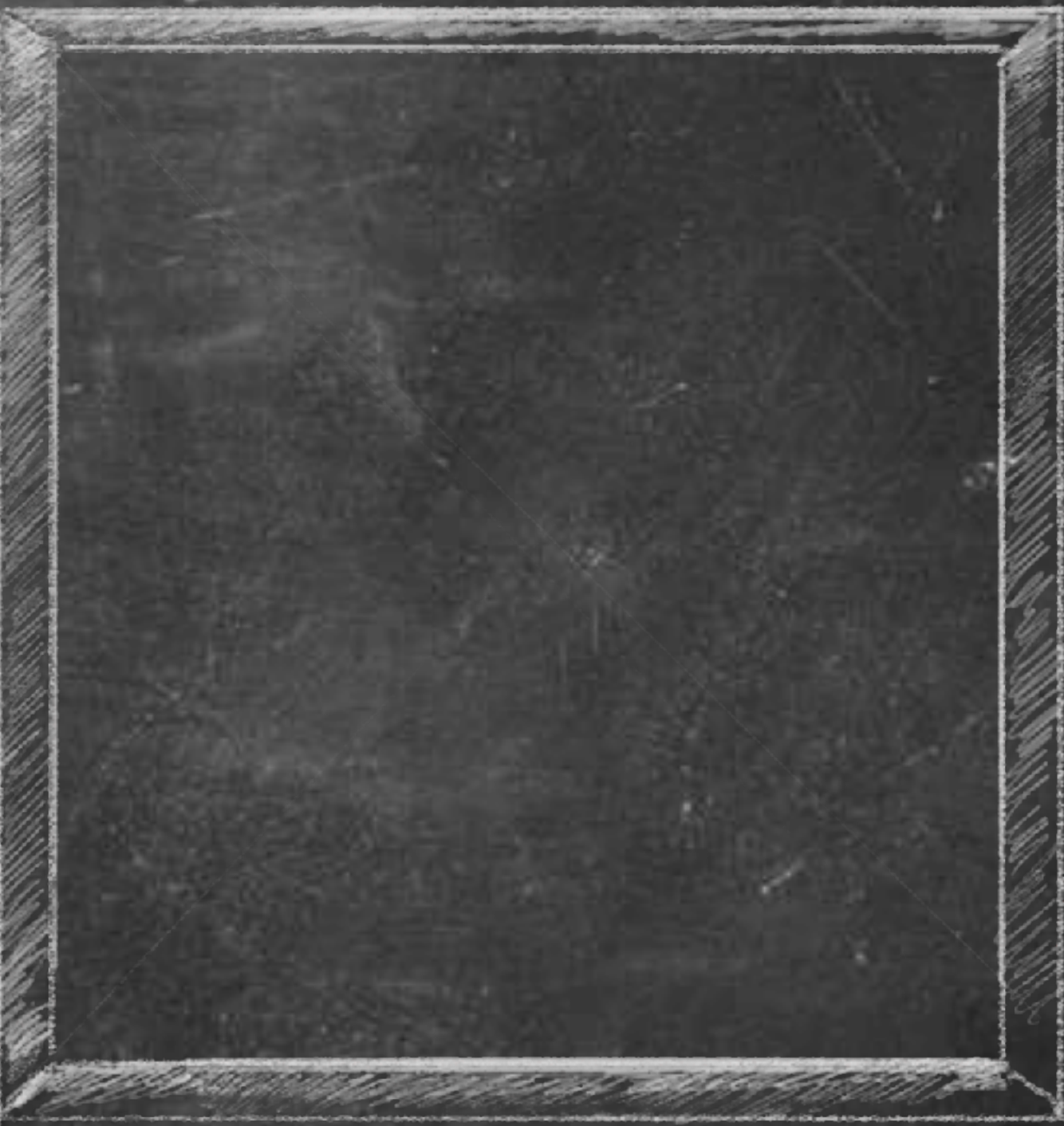


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He made the stars also...

and they crossed over on dry ground...

two men were talking to Him, Moses and Elijah...

and they crucified him...

love your neighbor as yourself

The King's Order
The Royal Law

Love Your Neighbor

all commandments **summed up** in this... -Romans 13:9

the **whole law is fulfilled** in this... -Galatians 5:14

it is the **Royal Law**... -James 2:8

it is the **greatest commandment** -Matthew 22:37-40

Love Your Neighbor

Why have we ignored it?

ignorance

lies and counterfeits

selfishness

thinking little of His love

another encounter with the living God

Jesus dining with Simon, a Pharisee

A woman enters and begins to wash Jesus' feet with her tears and anoint him with oil.

-Luke 7

The Pharisee thinks, *if he were a prophet he would stop her because he would know that this woman is a sinner.*



Jesus asks Simon: “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.”

Jesus said to him: “You have judged rightly...
“He who is forgiven little, loves little.”

-Luke 7:36-47



If we love little, maybe it is because we think we have
been forgiven little

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us
and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

-1 John 4:10

we love because He first loved us. -1 John 4:19

He who **thinks he is forgiven little**, loves little. -Luke 7:47

Back to the Garden...
of Gethsemane





Gethsemane means oil press

“sorrowful”, “troubled”, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death..”

“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me...”

-Matthew 26:39

Was it the **humiliation**?

Was it the **thorns**?

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of **thorns**, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

-Matthew 27:27-30

Was it the **scourge**?

“..their bodies were frightfully lacerated. Christian martyrs in Smyrna were so torn by the scourges that their veins were laid bare, and the inner muscles, sinews, even entrails, were exposed.”

-Eusebius of Caesarea



Was it the **scourge**?

“...they took Jesus and
scourged Him.”

-John 19:1

“...there were many who were appalled at him—his
appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human
being and his form marred beyond human likeness...”

-Isaiah 52:14



Was it **crucifixion**?

“...and they crucified Him...”

-Mark 15:24

Cicero called crucifixion the “extreme and ultimate punishment of slaves” and the “cruellest and most disgusting penalty.”

Josephus called it “the most pitiable of deaths.”

What was it?



“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

- contemplating the Trinity -

how long did this **separation** last?

Eli! Eli! Lema sabachthani?

If you had a sheet of paper and could extend it in both directions endlessly, representing the eternality of God, and then drew a short line on the paper. The line would represent all of time—engulfed in that eternal nature of God.

-C. S. Lewis

“**I am** the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end”

-Revelation 21:6

“from everlasting to everlasting”

-1 Chronicles 29:10

Eli! Eli! Lema sabachthani?

“My God, My God,
why have you forsaken me?”

“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll...

...a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain...”
-Revelation 5:5-6

“...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

-Revelation 3:8

Vine describes dienekes under
“continually” as “stresses the
unbroken continuity of that which is
mentioned”

“My God, My God,
why have you forsaken me?”

“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for
sins **forever**, sat down at the right hand of God”.

-Hebrews 10:12

“dienekes”



“... he remains a priest **perpetually**”

-Hebrews 7:3

...I pray that you...may... grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge...

-Ephesians 3:18-19

James, TP engineer

Eli! Eli! Lema sabachthani?



Eli! Eli! Lema sabachthani?

“My God, My God,
why have you forsaken me?”

the cry that echoes throughout eternity

because of true agape, chesed love



“I knew you would come for me”

the lost sheep

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will **never** leave you nor **forsake** you.

-Deuteronomy 31:6

Could we with ink, the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade

To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky

Isaiah 53

no beauty or majesty
despised and rejected

a man of suffering, familiar with pain
like one from whom people hide their faces
He took up our pain and bore our suffering

HE was pierced for OUR transgressions

HE was crushed for OUR iniquities
the Lord has laid on **Him** the iniquity of **us all**

He will bear their iniquities

He bore the sins of many and made intercession
for the transgressors

we love because He first loved us

-1 John 4:19

He who *thinks* he is forgiven little, loves little.

-Luke 7:47

