## GRUESOME SACRIFICE - GLORIOUS REDEMPTION



I often wonder why it is so difficult to share our faith when we consider that Christ hung on a cross naked, mocked, scorned and lacerated for us!

This same Jesus left the glory of heaven to be birthed in a womb and raised as a human. After living a sinless life and completing his mission to witness to the Jews, He then surrendered himself as the King of the Jews to be crucified for all humanity.

According to Barclay's commentary, "Crucifixion originated in Persia; and its origin came from the fact that the earth was considered to be sacred to Ormuzd the god, and the criminal was lifted up from it that he might not defile the earth, which was the god's property." Little did anyone know that Jesus would be lifted up for all humanity and that now all creation waits for the sons of God to be manifested so that this earth might be redeemed! WOW!

What father could endure the horror of His son's back being torn open with a whip containing pieces of bone and metal? How could the Father watch as nails were beaten into Jesus' wrists, triggering fiery bolts of nerve pain in both arms.

One Roman historian called crucifixion "A torture fit only for slaves".

"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him... He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many (Isa 53:10, 11)."

On the third day after He was crucified Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death and breaking every chain of slavery!

GLORY! WE ARE RESURRECTED AND WE DID NOT ENDURE THE GRUESOME TORTURE THAT HE EXPERIENCED!

THANK YOU FATHER FOR YOUR GREAT LOVE!

Kevin and I wish you the best of Resurrection Sundays! Remember He is risen, He is risen indeed!

Happy Resurrection Day!