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GOD HOLDS ALL
THE CARDS



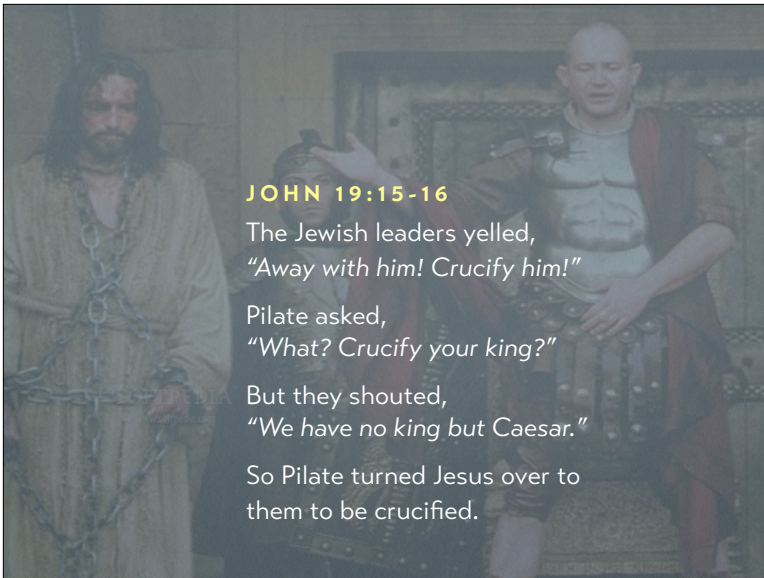
JOHN 19:15-16

The Jewish leaders yelled,
"Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate asked,
"What? Crucify your king?"

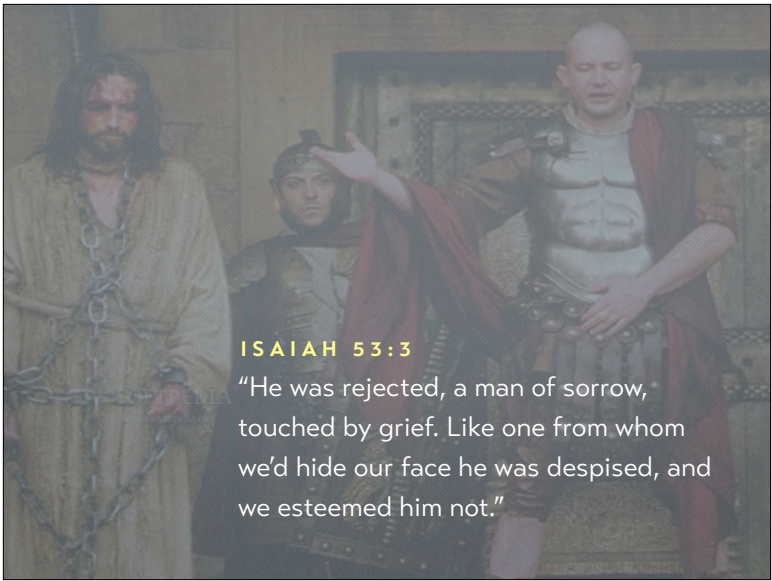
But they shouted,
"We have no king but Caesar."

So Pilate turned Jesus over to
them to be crucified.



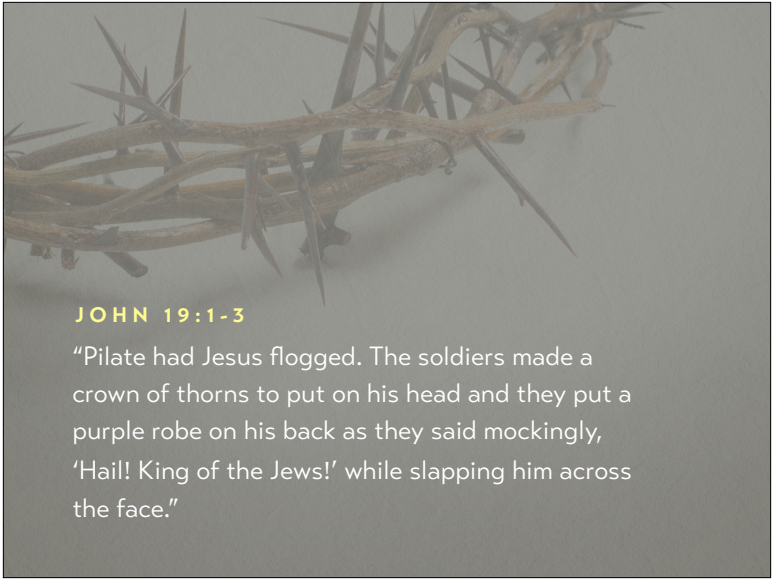
"It is a terrible picture: The Jew's
hatred turned them into a
maddened mob of shrieking,
frenzied fanatics ... forgetting all
mercy, all sense of proportion, all
justice, all their principles, even
God. Never in history was the
insanity of hatred so vividly shown."

WILLIAM BARCLAY



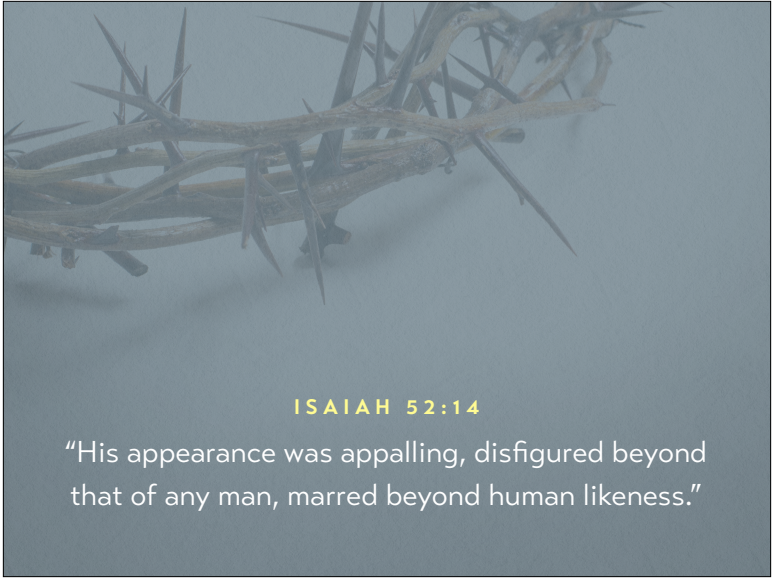
ISAIAH 53:3

"He was rejected, a man of sorrow,
touched by grief. Like one from whom
we'd hide our face he was despised, and
we esteemed him not."



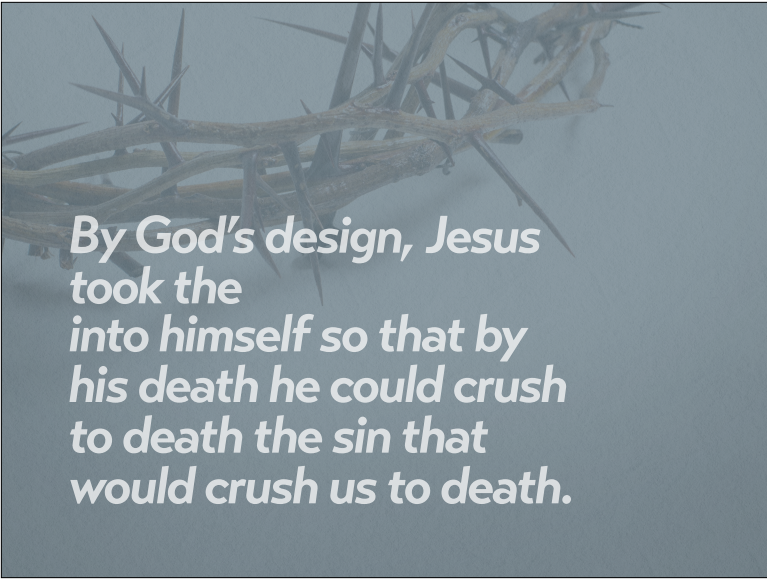
JOHN 19:1-3

"Pilate had Jesus flogged. The soldiers made a
crown of thorns to put on his head and they put a
purple robe on his back as they said mockingly,
'Hail! King of the Jews!' while slapping him across
the face."

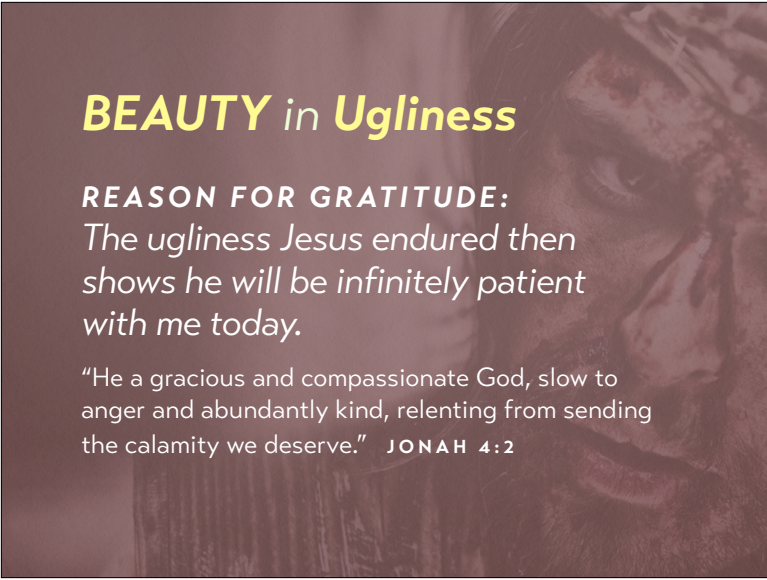


ISAIAH 52:14

"His appearance was appalling, disfigured beyond
that of any man, marred beyond human likeness."



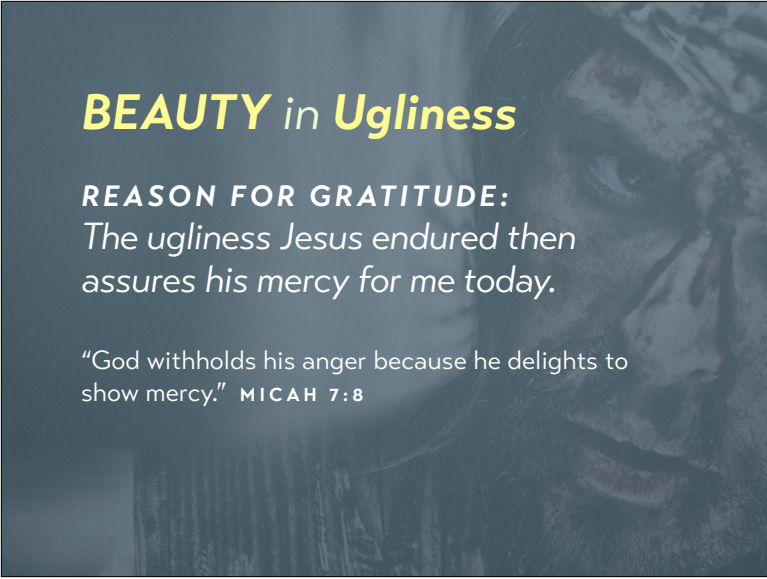
By God's design, Jesus took the into himself so that by his death he could crush to death the sin that would crush us to death.



BEAUTY in **Ugliness**

REASON FOR GRATITUDE:
The ugliness Jesus endured then shows he will be infinitely patient with me today.

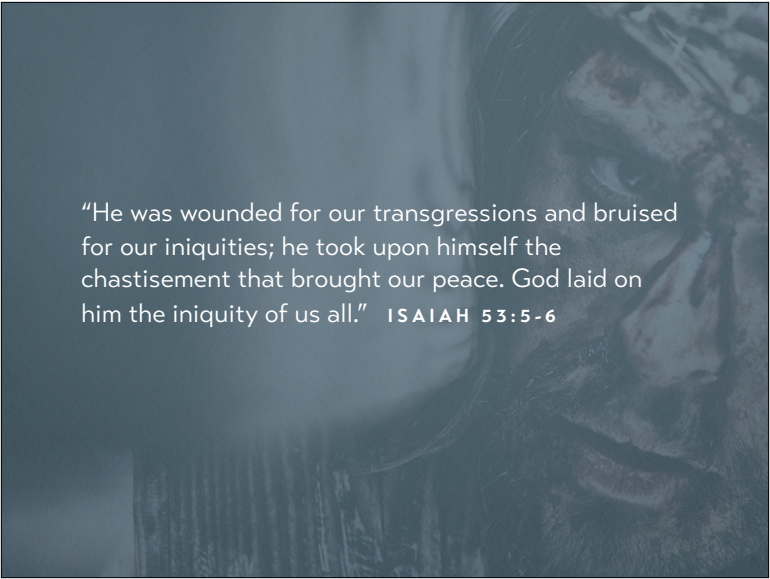
"He a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundantly kind, relenting from sending the calamity we deserve." JONAH 4:2



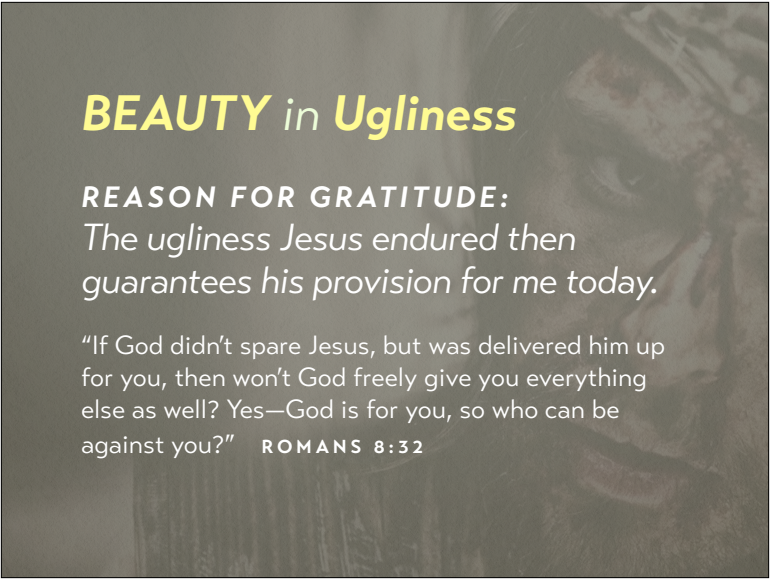
BEAUTY in **Ugliness**

REASON FOR GRATITUDE:
The ugliness Jesus endured then assures his mercy for me today.

"God withholds his anger because he delights to show mercy." MICAH 7:8



"He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; he took upon himself the chastisement that brought our peace. God laid on him the iniquity of us all." **ISAIAH 53:5-6**



BEAUTY in **Ugliness**

REASON FOR GRATITUDE:
The ugliness Jesus endured then guarantees his provision for me today.

"If God didn't spare Jesus, but was delivered him up for you, then won't God freely give you everything else as well? Yes—God is for you, so who can be against you?" **ROMANS 8:32**



BEAUTY in **Ugliness**

REASON FOR GRATITUDE:
The ugliness Jesus endured then secures his sovereign rule over my life today.

"It was God's will to crush him and cause him to suffer for our atonement." **ISAIAH 53:10**

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Pilate said, "Why don't you talk to me? Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?" JOHN 19:10

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above." JOHN 19:11

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"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." PSALM 23

Because of God's sovereignty over all the affairs of this universe and because of his immeasurable love for me, **this world is perfectly safe for me**—even as I am standing before my cross!

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