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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Isaiah 52:13-53:5

The God of heaven became a man. C. S. Lewis suggests that it is something like a person becoming a slug. Nevertheless, it boggles the mind to think that this perfect God-man, the King of Heaven, came not as a king to be served but to wash the feet of people. "Whoever wants to be first must be your slave?just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

Imagine what it must be like for God the Father to allow His Son to be maligned and tortured, and brutalized on a cross like a common criminal. We can only attribute it to God's great heart, which is greater than any human heart. For love of us, He gave His Son. For love of the Father and humankind, Jesus willingly took our pain, bore the suffering we deserved, and saved us from eternal death. This is truly the greatest wonder of the world and of heaven.

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