

# Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious

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Revelation 19: 16

Isaiah 53: 1-12

John 19: 1-42

Mark 15: 1-47

Revelation 5: 6-14

## Thoughts on the Text

Glorious. Wonderful. Magnificent and majestic. Dazzling, brilliant, beautiful. Superb, noble, delightful, excellent, radiant. Absolutely no list of adjectives or description could suffice in detailing the greatness of God. Generations of godly people, and throngs of angels and heavenly beings singing his praise could never fully proclaim the majesty of the Lord of lords.

For every devastating scene from the last hours of Christ's life on earth—the crown of thorns thrust onto his head, the excruciating pain of the nails in his hands and feet, the mocking of his enemies, the shame of hanging before friends and foes in such an ignoble manner—there exists an equally great scene of the Victor reigning over heaven and earth. The Man of Sorrows returns triumphantly as the King of kings. The One who endured the ridicule of his murders now sits exalted in the highest place, with a name above every name, as one to whom every knee will bow (Philippians 2:9-11).

In a time of government by the people, elected officials, puppet heads of state or corrupt leaders, we have perhaps lost the significance of the crowned king as head and supreme ruler, an honest leader with the good of the people in mind. Imagine a battle is won, the fighting is over, and the victorious king marches through the city streets with head raised high, hearing shouts of triumph from all sides. "This is our savior king, the one who has set us free from our enemies and ensured a life of safety for our community. Let's reward him! Give him the seat of honor and the best of the best. We have won because of our king!" the people might shout.

Look, saints. Peer through the portals of heaven and realize how victorious a celebration takes place there. The One who rescued the peoples of the world deserves glory and riches; he is crowned with the splendor of the ages. Let angels and all humankind sing of his success. This is truly the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Voices in heaven proclaim, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15, NIV). Multitudes shout, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God," (Revelation 19:1, NIV).

Look, saints. Indeed, the sight is glorious!