

And the Lord Is Sovereign Still

Jesus is arrested in the garden where He has been praying.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

The disciples are hiding and Peter's denying that he knows anything about Jesus.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus stands before the high priest of Israel, silent as a lamb before the slaughter.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus is put on trial before religious courts, government courts and finally the people's court.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus, the Holy One, is condemned to death as a sinner and a criminal.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus is beaten, mocked, and spit upon.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

In a gesture of ridicule, a crown of thorns is pressed down upon His head.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus takes that long walk, carrying a cross so heavy that He stumbles.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Nails are driven into His hands and feet and He hangs on a cross, in public disgrace.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus forgives His enemies, blesses His mother, and He thirsts.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Soldiers look about for anything by which they can profit and the only thing of value they see is Jesus' robe, for which they barter.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

The sky darkens, the earth trembles.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus cries out, "My God, My God. Why have you forsaken Me?"
And the Lord is sovereign still.

In the temple, the curtain shielding the Holy of Holies is torn.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

Jesus dies, a spear pierces His side, He is laid in a borrowed tomb.
And the Lord is sovereign still.

The disciples wait through a strange Sabbath – a terrifying, stormy Friday evening, a deathly silent Saturday.

And the Lord is sovereign still.

No one, no one – not on earth, not in hell – could know the plans and purposes of God. No one could comprehend a love so deep, a wisdom so profound, a grace so overwhelming, a purpose so intent, a power so mighty.

Only the Sovereign Lord, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, the Supreme Intelligence, whose nature and character is love and perfect goodness – only this sovereign Lord could do such a deed, accomplish for us such a victory.

To this God, you may bring your own life. Do you not understand the circumstances swirling about you or those you love? Do you not understand the suffering you see? Do you not know what your future holds?

Our Lord is the sovereign Lord and to Him you may come as you are, to be met with love, mercy, and grace. Everything has been done; everything for your salvation has been accomplished. God in his sovereignty purposed, before the foundation of the world, that Jesus would come, would live among us, would suffer in obedience, and would lay down His own life for ours. God in his sovereignty purposed a reply to sin and death and the reply was resurrection. Everything has been done; Jesus has rightly said, “It is finished.” The purposes of God are realized and our rescue is assured.

Take comfort, take courage: The Lord is sovereign still. He is sovereign over human history, over your life and mine. His name is Jesus, for He saves His people. His name is the Lord. He is the Sovereign One.

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

-Genesis 50:20

Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

-Acts 2:22-24