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Jesus Nazaremus Rex Judeorum(Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews)

The caption given in mockery to the crucified one is an allusion to Christ who is called "king" in mockery and scorn by the onlookers and the crowd. But as you read deep into John's narrative of the passion for the author Jesus Reigns even from the cross. Hence in "It is accomplished," whereby Jesus has accomplished a mission given to him, the mission of redeeming a sinful, broken, wounded human race by means of his passion, death and resurrection.

This is also the suffering servant in his moment of agony as Isaiah foretold. He dies with the Ps22:1 on his lips: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" In his death the temple veil tears into two, a sign that in His redeeming death Jesus has destroyed forever the barrier that separates us from the presence of God.

He was God who humbled himself to come amidst us, deeply uniting himself to the humankind by humbling himself to die on the cross,(his kenosis and exaltation) to be reinstated and given the name above every other name, to be called upon, worshipped on bended knees,(see Philippians 2:6-11).

His kingdom is not of this world, for his reign and kingship shall be in our hearts and minds; lives surrendered to the values of His Kingdom.

During this Holy Week, let us take the firm resolve to let him reign and have dominion in our lives. Let us turn to him our crucified king and saviour as the Bible says: "They will look upon the one whom they have pierced," Zechariah 12:10.