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INTRODUCTION:

The king with a cross for a throne . . .

I. KING JESUS IS MOCKED BY ALL (vv. 35-39)

- A. The religious leaders: “**If** you are the Messiah . . .”
- B. The soldiers: “**If** you are a king . . .”
- C. A criminal: “**If** you can, save yourself & me . . .”

II. KING JESUS IS THE ‘KING OF IFS’

- A. He takes all the “**ifs**” out of our lives & makes them sure
- B. He did this for the repentant criminal (vv. 42-43)
- C. He does NOT say “**if**” to this criminal, or to you
- D. He puts an end to all **ifs**
- E. He gives this criminal & to all who trust Him – *paradise* (v. 43)

III. WHAT ARE THE IFS IN YOUR LIFE??

- A. We all have our “if-lists” . . .
- B. The **scoffing ifs** of the religious leaders did not stop Jesus
- C. The **mocking ifs** of the soldiers did not stop Jesus
- D. The **doubting ifs** of the unbelieving criminal did not stop Jesus
- E. The **if only** faith of the believing criminal didn’t stop Jesus

CONCLUSION:

The words – IF, AND, or BUT are not in Jesus’ vocabulary!