

## 5. Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

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[ 0 : 00 ] Station 5. Jesus is nailed to the cross. Throughout history, crucifixion is arguably the most severe form of capital punishment.

Criminals die a slow and gruesome death, mostly through a combination of constrained blood circulation, organ failure, and suffocation, as the body is strained under its own weight.

To attach a person to the cross, large iron nails are hammered through their hands and feet and into the wood. Now there lies the King of all kings, Jesus the Lamb of God, being nailed to the cross.

Nails are being hammered in to hang the Savior of the world, who bears not just the weight of his own innocent body, but also the sin of all humanity for all time.

In Luke 23, we read this. Two other men, both criminals, were also let out with him to be executed.

[ 1 : 27 ] When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left.

Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Touch one of the loose nails and imagine the cold iron being driven through your hand.

Then take the hammer and strike the nail that's fixed to the wooden beam.

As you do that, imagine it coming down upon Jesus. Each strike driving the nail a little deeper into the wood, shaking the heart of his Father in heaven.

Each hit shaking all of creation that bears witness to its Creator being nailed on the cross. And amazingly still, these are the words that we hear Jesus say, Father, forgive them.

[ 2 : 56 ] Now imagine that it's your hand being nailed to the cross. Consider every sin in your life. Everything that you've done wrong or thought wrong.

And everything that you should have done but failed to do. Sins you know of. Sins you hide away from everyone. And even sins that you're not aware of.

Every sin is being nailed to the cross. Jesus is nailed to the cross. Taking your sin upon himself. And receiving the judgment and punishment that you deserve.

I know this is intense.

Take a deep breath with me. And let's go to the next station for a brief, tender moment amidst all this sorrow. Because the rain is not showing you in the midst of the 21st King swing.

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And stepping to the rest of this stage is something that he needs to be Windows, Father, tender Link in Heaven. And dealing with thear■ of the Lyingt asthma tomorrow. So we're going to do that well.