

"Jesus Is the Visible Part of the Invisible God"  
Christ the King Sunday  
Colossians 1:15  
November 21, 2010

This is Floyd Hefelfinger and his brother Frank Hefelfinger. They are both really good guys, however, for today's story they will be playing the parts of two bad guys who lived 2000 years ago.



Actually, they did not start off as bad guys. They both liked to play ball and sometimes saw each other at games on the streets of Jerusalem. And each of them, as they grew up wondered about God.

"I reckon I don't KNOW what God looks like," said the first man.

"I don't think I see God in the synagogue when I go there to pray," said the second man.

And both men, not really knowing each other, turned to crime. They exchanged their hats for masks that covered their faces so they could not be identified when they cheated the old and robbed the poor.



Each of them was arrested and convicted of his crimes and justifiably sentenced to death as the law required. Their masks were removed and they were placed on crosses outside the gates of Jerusalem as was the custom for an execution.

This is the one good man. His name is Jesus. He committed no crime but the leaders of his day were nervous and anxious and afraid of the power Jesus has. After all, Jesus could heal the sick and raise the dead and help the poor and save us all from the powers of darkness. Some people even said Jesus is a King. Having committed NO crime, the crowd convicted him anyway. And they placed a mean pretend crown of his head, a painful crown of thorns. He also was placed on a cross outside the gates of Jerusalem, as was the custom for an execution.



And there the three of them were.

The two men thought, "I wonder where God is now!?"

The crowd made fun of Jesus and they were cruel and mocked him. One from the crowd came up to Jesus and said sarcastically "I thought you were the King. Why can't you save yourself!?"

The two bad men heard Jesus pray to God "Forgive these people in the crowd for they do not know what they are doing."

The one bad man looked at Jesus beside him and began to see that with all his wondering about God, He was right here! HE SAW THAT JESUS IS THE VISIVLE PART OF THE INVISIBLE GOD!

"I reckon it'd be mighty fine if you remember me when you go to heaven," the man said.

"You will be with me in Paradise," Jesus reassured the man.

The crowd placed a sign at the top of the cross over Jesus. It said "King Of The Jews". But no one could see a kingly crown, they only saw the thorns. (remove thorns and replace with a crown)



"CHRIST IS KING!"

THE END