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Go Deep
Did God Kill Jesus?
The Empire Strikes Back
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What revenge-theme movie do you like best?

Why does revenge seem to feel so good?

Why does forgiving feel like losing?

What do you think of this real-life statement? “When someone attacks me, I always attack...except 100X more. This has nothing to do with a tirade but rather a way of life.”

Agree with it.

I know it’s not right, but I get it.

That’s terrible.

Who said that?

What does Jesus’ death on the cross teach us about revenge?

Read **Matthew 12:14** and **Matthew 27:1-2**

What do these verses tell us about the feelings of the establishment toward Jesus?

Read the following verses and note how they describe the subservisness of Jesus.

Luke 1:52-53

Luke 2:10-11

Mark 2:23-24

Mark 2:15-16

John 12:14-15

Luke 23:34

John 18:36

The Roman Empire and the religious establishment collaborated to “Strike Back” at Jesus by crucifying him.

If the empire’s response to enemies is to strike back, what is the response of Jesus?

What does Jesus’ response mean for those who follow him?