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 - He is now lifted up to **reign** as Lord. (Phil. 2:8-11)

- ***This story shows us how we can be saved.***
 - God's rescue plan is a picture of the curse itself.
 - The symbol of death became the source of **life**.
 - The price for sin was **paid** by the perfect Son of God.
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