



# CHOOSE TO LOVE



His humiliating public execution was not enough to satisfy the demand of the hardened, hate-filled hearts of his enemies. They mocked him for claiming that he was divine, convinced that his activities were seditious and would undermine the social structures that held their world together. They were more right than they understood. Jesus changed everything.

But they didn't get it. Even his chief accusers, those secretly terrified by him, misinterpreted his silent suffering as helplessness and were emboldened by it. "He saved others, but he can't save himself," they snickered and snarled, as if he actually was held in place by nails. They failed to understand that he remained on the cross by choice, precisely because he *is* the Son of God. To choose to love is nearly unimaginable.

At Pepperdine, we affirm, "God is uniquely revealed through Christ." We see Jesus as God's unique expression of love for all. As you celebrate this season, consider ways to reflect his love to those around you. Choose to love.

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