

the beauty of ugliness

isaiah 52:13-53:12

strength?

success?

beauty?

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- ▶ **The Messiah** - Jesus of Nazareth

**Will you look at his ugliness
long enough to see his beauty?**

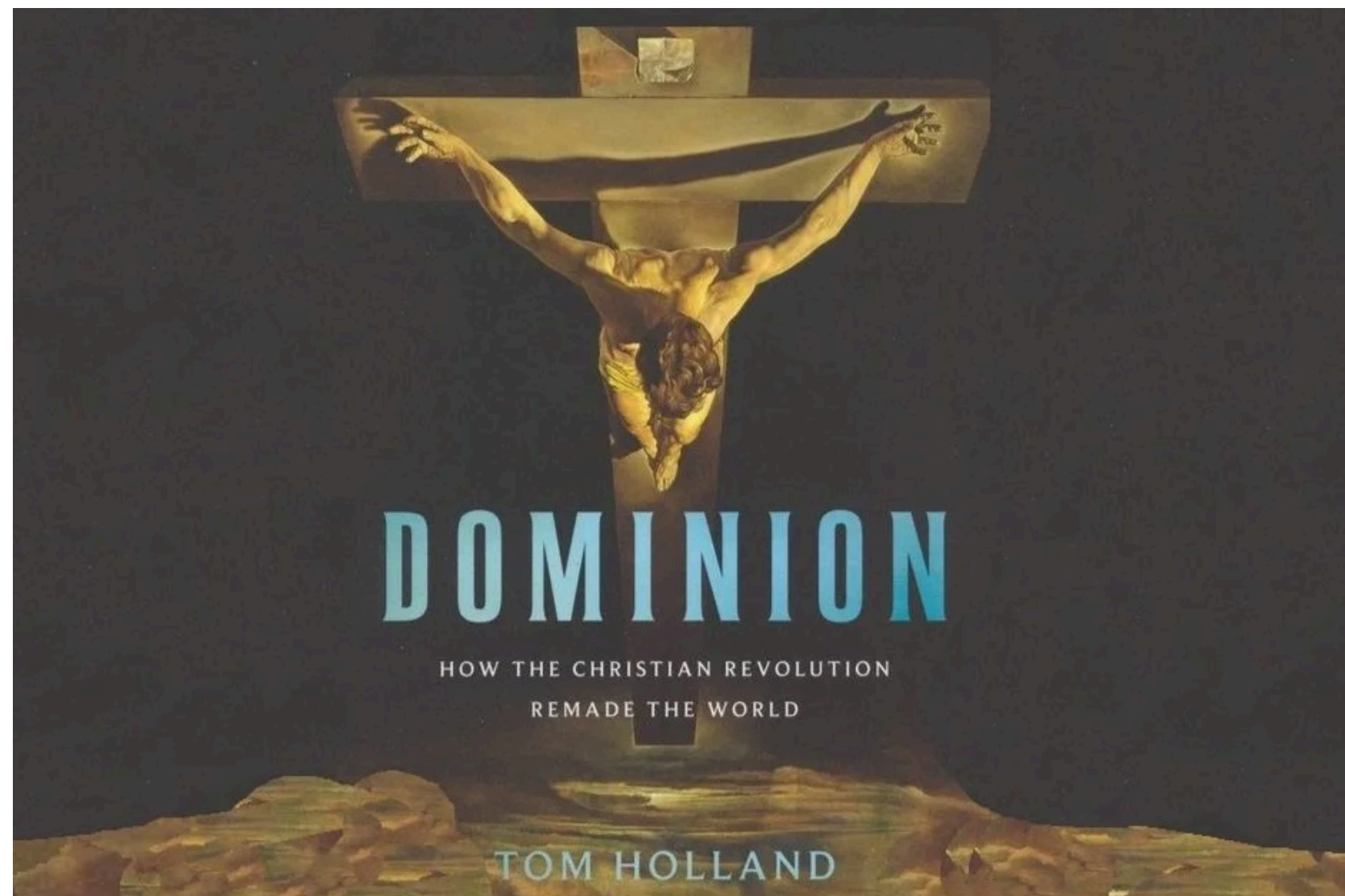
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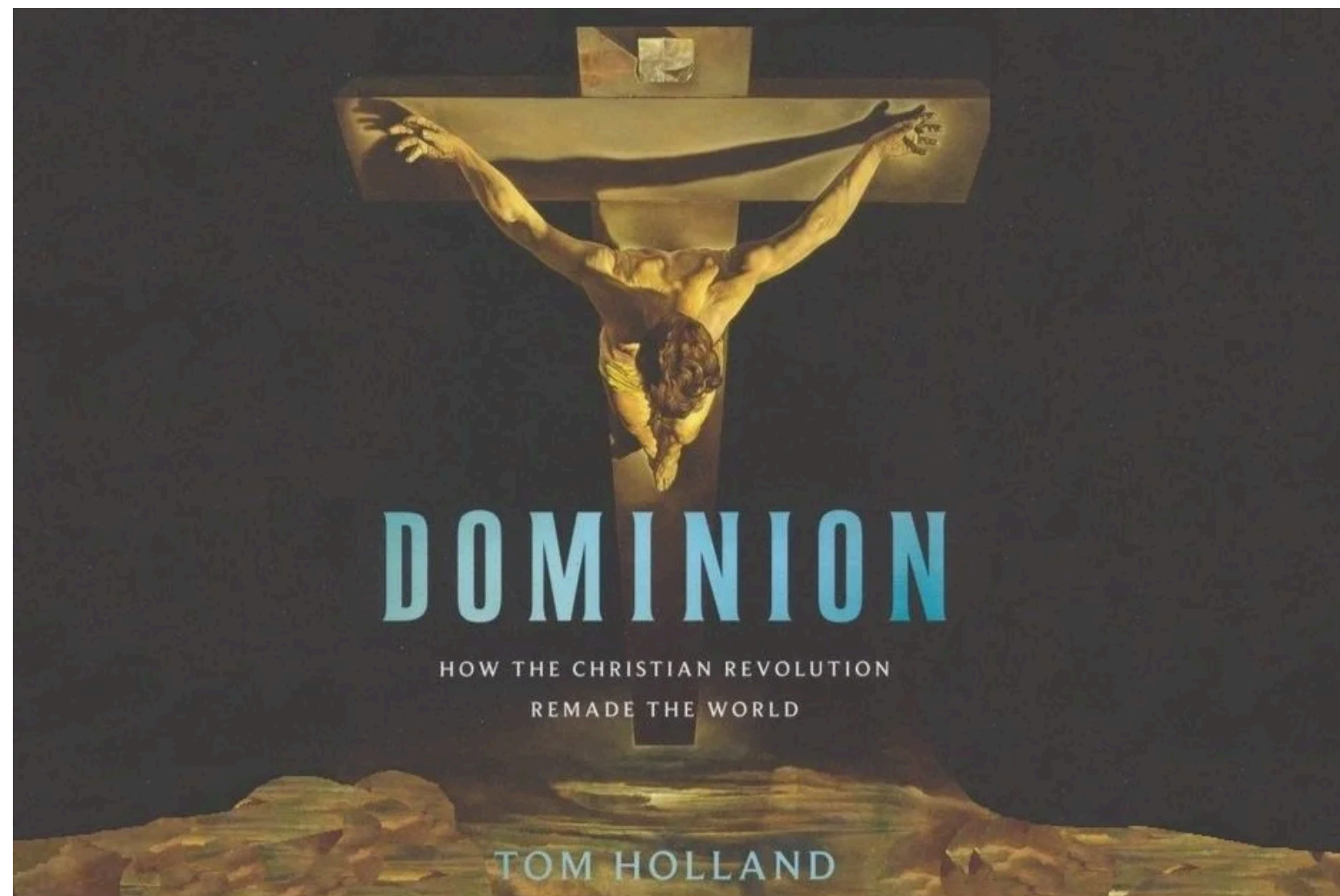
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“Everything about the practice of nailing a man to a cross – a ‘crux’ – was repellent. ... It was this disgust that crucifixion uniquely inspired which explained why, when slaves were condemned to death, they were executed in the meanest, wretchedest stretch of land beyond the city walls; and why, when Rome burst its ancient limits, only the world’s most exotic and aromatic plants could serve to mask the taint.



Tom Holland, *Dominion*

It was also why, despite the ubiquity of crucifixion across the Roman world, few cared to think much about it. Order... was what counted – not the elimination of such vermin as presumed to challenge it. Criminals broken on implements of torture: who were such filth to concern men of breeding and civility? Some deaths were so vile, so squalid, that it was best to draw a veil across them entirely.”



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Jesus's suffering is our suffering (v4)

because it's the suffering we deserve (v5-6)

and he didn't deserve it himself (v7-9)

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I cried for them, and with every tear that fell I wondered who is going to find these little girls, who is going to tell them how much they are worth, how valuable they are, how deserving of justice and protection? Who is going to tell these little girls that what was done to them matters? That they are seen and valued, that they are not alone and they are not unprotected?

And I could not do that, but we are here now, and today that message can be sent with the sentence you hand down. You can communicate to all these little girls and to every predator and to every little girl or young woman who is watching how much a little girl is worth.

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Punishment is necessary because it
tells the truth.

But “the punishment that brought
us peace was on him”

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- God provides a way your guilt can be paid for
- You have to confess your guilt and make that offering
- Then you are forgiven and can enjoy life with God

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God, I'm sorry ...

Thank you ...

Forgive me. I want to receive Jesus...

Please...

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“he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many”