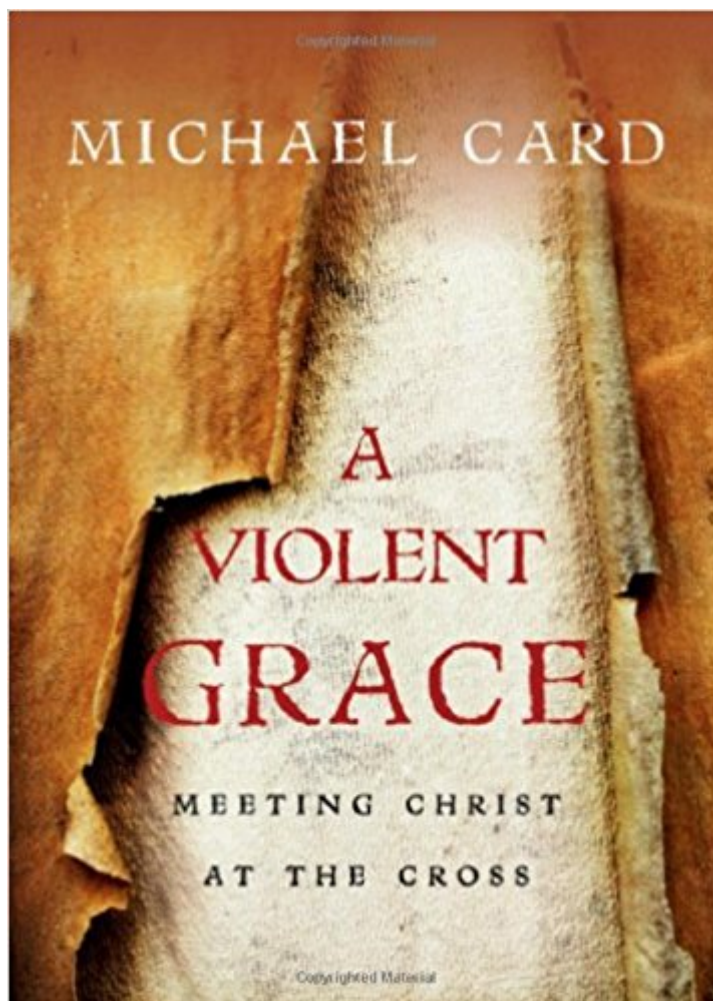


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# A Violent Grace: Meeting Christ At The Cross



## Synopsis

Jesus was condemned . . . so we could be set free. He was wounded . . . so we can be healed. He died . . . so we might have life. The cross has lost much of its appeal as a symbol of Christianity. Yet what Christ did at the cross remains central to our faith. In this richly designed book, Michael Card reflects on what it means for Christians that we meet our savior at a cross. Card combs the Old Testament prophecies and Gospel accounts of Jesus' self-sacrifice, seeking a renewed vision of the cross—the inconceivable meeting place of violence and grace.

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"With dramatic and cinematic lyrics and riveting prose, we are eyewitnesses, Scripture becomes flesh for us to see and feel and touch, to step into and experience. Much like Mel Gibson's movie, The Passion, Card's book and CD stop us in our tracks and ask, even demand, a *selah*. To read through the book and share the life and death of Christ with others during Lent, and then experience the CD as a musical, during Holy Week, would be a truly rewarding and deepening journey for a community of believers." (Andrea Hunter, Worship Leader, March/April 2013)"Always the careful teacher, Michael Card draws the church back to a much-needed look at the suffering Savior. Like me, you will gaze with astonished reverence at the One who endured such violence, then bow in humble adoration, crying, 'Lord, make me more like you.'" (Steve Green)"What Michael Card sings at this level I most need: The inaudible strains of warm truth that fly from heart to heart and nourish the soul where all too few have fed. Loving God is hungry work and only those who hunger enough

can feed the rest of us. Michael Card knows how to set such a table." (Calvin Miller)"Dietrich Bonhoeffer defined 'cheap grace' as grace without the cross. In these scalding pages, Michael Card touched my heart with the love of Christ crucified and led me to an unprecedented appreciation of undeserved grace." (Brennan Manning, author of *The Ragamuffin Gospel*)"Every encounter I've had with Michael Card has brought me closer to Jesus. I'm confident that this book will do the same."  
(Max Lucado)

In a career that spans 30 years, Michael Card has recorded over 31 albums, authored or co-authored over 24 books, hosted a radio program, and written for a wide range of magazines. An award-winning musician and performing artist, he has penned such favorites as "El Shaddai," "Immanuel" and many other songs. He has branched his ministry beyond music and written numerous books, including *A Sacred Sorrow*, *A Violent Grace*, *The Parable of Joy* and *Sleep Sound in Jesus* (a children's book). He has also written the *Biblical Imagination Series*, with a book and accompanying music CD for each of the four gospels. A graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's and master's degree in biblical studies, Card also serves as mentor to many younger artists and musicians, teaching courses on the creative process and calling the Christian recording industry into deeper discipleship. Card lives in Tennessee with his wife and four children.

The book is very good. The only negative I have is that the pages are in brown print on ivory pages and that makes it harder to read, especially for older eyes.

I cried when I read this book. I never realized how our Lord, Jesus Christ suffered for us. It Isa.53, it does say, there was no beauty that we should desire Him, and not I know why. What an awesome price to pay for the sins of this world.

Card always has a unique view of the biblical narrative. He can open it up in new ways while staying true to the foundational truth of the scripture. His music and his writing are very deep and inspirational.

Bring a fresh perspective, face to face with the reality of what happened to Jesus as he walked, taught, died a terrible death, and rose again to glory out of the love He has for every living person who believes in Him or not. Reading this during Lent was a powerful and deeply moving journey I will not forget. Highly recommended.

Michael Card takes us back to Calvary. He reminds us that the cross wasn't always a piece of jewelry, or a nice decorative item for our homes. Crucifixion was one of the most painful methods of execution devised by man. The cross was the instrument used to perform this. Our salvation was accomplished on a cross. Read this book slowly, and return to Calvary.

This book will change your life as you allow the reality of the events of the cross to penetrate your heart and mind. "ON ONE HAND THE CROSS IS A MIRROR HELD UP TO MY SIN THAT SHOWS ME JUST HOW THOROUGHLY LOST I AM AND ON THE OTHER HAND THE CROSS IS A WINDOW HELD UP TO MY LORD THAT SHOWS HOW GREATLY LOVED I AM". I highly recommend this book.

Beautiful, thoughtful music. Several of these songs had me in tears. The quality is good enough that my wife was shocked when she realized it was a live recording.

Best book I have read. The "cup" of suffering was so intense and He knew it would be, yet He still accepted it for us. Just like the bible says in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

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