

The Redeemer Puppet Show

1 Corinthians 1:18 “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

Jose	Hi Butch.
Butch	<i>(upset)</i> Hey, Jose. I gotta ask you something.
Jose	Okay. Shoot.
Butch	Why did you do that?
Jose	Do what?
Butch	You know what I’m talking about. You took the blame for what I did. Why didn’t you rat me out?
Jose	Because I didn’t want to see you get wacked with that big yardstick.
Butch	But I did it! I stole the teacher’s chalk.
Jose	I know.
Butch	Then I should be punished. Not you.
Jose	I didn’t mind.
Butch	Are you crazy? Why would anyone take someone else’s wacks when they don’t have to?
Jose	That’s what Jesus did.
Butch	Oh brother. Not this again. Does everything you do always have to do with Jesus?
Jose	Yes, it does.
Butch	Why?
Jose	Because He loves us. He died for us. He took the punishment for our sins to save us.
Butch	So you were trying to save me? Ha! That’s funny!
Jose	I’m glad you weren’t punished for taking the chalk.
Butch	Why? What do you care?
Jose	Because you don’t need punishment. You need a friend.
Butch	<i>(smiling)</i> You are the craziest kid I ever met.
Jose	I know. <i>(laughs)</i> In this mixed-up world, love sometimes seems a bit crazy.
Butch	Now everybody thinks you’re a punk, like me.

Jose	I don't care what they think. The only thing I'm really proud of is belonging to Jesus. What people think doesn't really matter to me. (<i>Gal: 6:14</i>)
Butch	Well, even if you are crazy, I think you're all right.
Jose	Thanks.
Butch	So, this Jesus. Why did He do it? Why did He let those jerks beat Him up, spit on Him, kill Him and tell people He was a fake?
Jose	Wow. You know a lot about it.
Butch	My grandma is always yakking about Jesus. She'd like you. (<i>laughs</i>) But answer the question, dude.
Jose	He did it because He loves us. He took our punishment because love crushes evil. Acts of love make the devil run screaming away.
Butch	Okay, so you think the devil is scared of you, now?
Jose	Scared of love. Yes, I do. When we love, we conquer evil.
Butch	Like super heroes, or what?
Jose	We can be heroes. We can be the very best of men. If we trust in Jesus.
Butch	(<i>hangs his head a moment, then looks up</i>) I gotta go.
Jose	Where to?
Butch	I'm going back to talk to that teacher. It ain't right for you to take the blame for what I did. I shoulda spoken up. Taken it like a man.
Jose	You don't have to.
Butch	Yes I do. If Jesus did the right thing and took all that punishment for me, I figure He's the coolest dude who has ever lived. I want to be like that, too.
Jose	I'll pray for you.
Butch	Thanks, man. I'll be talking to you.
Jose	Peace, Butch. (<i>puts his hand out</i>)
Butch	Peace, Jose. (<i>shakes</i>)

The End