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As concluded last time: *God does not keep score and calculate who deserves what and why...because my thoughts are not your thoughts nor my ways yours says the Lord.* And so the familiar worldly-Christian idea that Jesus died for our sins to ‘settle some score’ with God seriously misrepresents the true nature of God revealed by Jesus’ death. Rather than the Cross being some kind of transfer of deserved punishment from those who really deserve it to someone who didn’t, Jesus’ suffering and death were the result of the all loving and inclusive ways of God running headlong into the ways of the world that say “yes” to some and “no” to others. At the same time that Jesus’ execution by the “conditionally loving” world was the world’s “no” to God’s unconditional love, it was also God’s unrelenting “yes!” to a world that didn’t want any part of it. Had Jesus not insisted that God does not require “religious payment” for his love, as required by the religion of his day (and most ever since), nor the kind of ‘pay back’ required by the world’s systems of ‘justice’, he would not have suffered the opposition that put him to death.

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