

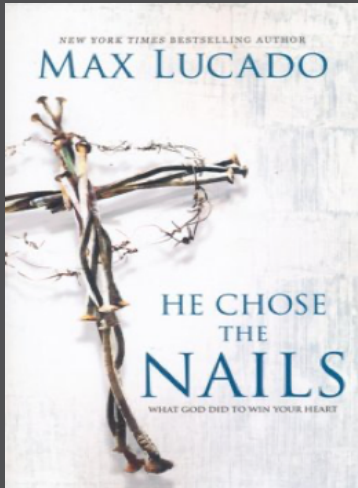
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“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” —

John 3:16(NLT)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



He Chose the Nails
What God Did To Win Your Heart
By: Max Lucado
Book ISBN#: 0718085078

SCRIPTURES: *The Easter Story*

April 1-4
Matthew 26-28

April 5-11
Mark 15-16

April 12-18
Luke 22-24

April 19-25
John 17-20

April 26-30
1 Corinthians 15:57

From the Cross to the Crown: The Love That Carried Us Through

There are moments in life when pain makes us question God's love. *We wonder how a loving God could allow heartbreak, suffering, and seasons that stretch us beyond what feels bearable.* Yet **Easter answers that question in the clearest way possible**—not with words, but with a sacrifice. **When God gave His only Son**, He didn't give from His abundance; **He gave from His heart.**

Jesus didn't just die—He chose to endure the cross, knowing the weight of every sin He would carry. More than the nails, more than the crown of thorns, it was the separation from the Father that marked the deepest agony. **The One who had never been disconnected from God took on that separation so we would never have to live without Him.** That kind of love is not casual—it is costly, intentional, and deeply personal.

And here is **the beauty of Easter: the story didn't end in suffering.** What looked like defeat on Friday became victory on Sunday morning. The same love that held Jesus on the cross is the same power that raised Him from the grave, declaring that **nothing**—not sin, not pain, not even death—**can separate us from God's love.**

So when life feels heavy and questions arise, look to the cross—but don't stop there.
Look to the empty tomb.

Because **God's love didn't just suffer for you... it rose for you, too.**

Pastor Daniel Simmons