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*A Reflection*

*So, what did you get for your money?*

*We got a girl*

*A Nigerian girl*

*Young, fresh, unspoilt,*

*A nice earner for us.*

*The punters love exotic girls*

*With dark skin and soft bodies*

*They will pay well.*

*Her relatives have delivered her to us*

*And we will treat her carefully.*

*After all, her death would be a big loss to us.*

*So, what did you get for your money?*

*We got a man*

*A Galilean*

*Young, brave, challenging*

*An upstart, a trouble-maker, a self-appointed king even.*

*The Jews have delivered him to us.*

*And we will finish him off.*

*After all, his death will be no loss to us.*

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