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Many crucifixes today include the letters I.N.R.I, which is understood to represent the initial letters of the Latin version of the *titulus* on the cross of Jesus according to Jn 19:19-20, *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*. The simplified version of a doctoral dissertation presented to the Pontifical Gregorian University and published in 2005 as *Il Titolo della Croce di Gesù*, this volume discusses the following topics: the *titulus* on the cross of Jesus according to the Evangelists; the languages of the *titulus*; the designations of Jesus as “the Nazarene” and “the Nazorean” in relation to Nazareth; Jesus the Nazorean—the significance of the designation according to Matthew and John; the *titulus* and the royal and provisional tomb of Jesus; and the *titulus crucis* conserved in the Basilica of Santa Croce in Rome and its compatibility with the data in the Gospels. Rigato concludes with reflections on reconstructing the *titulus* in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.