

Good Friday Service

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REMEMBERING GOOD FRIDAY

- The Gospels are the introduction to the New Covenant that God established through Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection. It was fully implemented on the day of Pentecost.

RESPONSE

- Religious morbid people focus on the physical torture and death of Jesus
 - Others go through similar atrocities
 - He volunteered for a purpose, for us
 - Foolishness of going through what He went through to set us free from it - He took our place
 - Jesus did not die to have our sympathy, and go around in morbid contemplation of His sufferings - which we cannot understand because they were spiritual
 - He died to set us free
 - He wants our trust and our love
 - He showed us the way to eternal life

ANNOUNCED PROPHETICALLY BY ISAIAH

- **Isa 53:1** Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- Isa 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground.
- He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.
- Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
- And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
- Isa 53:4 **Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.**
- Isa 53:5 **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**
- Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.
- Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
- Isa 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.
- Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

- Isa 53:11 He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.
- Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

WITHOUT DEATH, THERE CANNOT BE RESURRECTION

True for Jesus and for us

WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

From Adam, we are born in sin - separated from God

We cannot fix the problem

No religious activity can heal our spirit

- **Joh 3:3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **UNLESS ONE IS BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**"
- Joh 3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
- Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless **ONE IS BORN OF WATER** [*referring to the baptism of John*] **AND THE SPIRIT** [*not a physical ceremony, but the power of the HS*], **HE CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**
- Joh 3:6 That which is born of **the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** [*a new, different life*]
- Joh 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- Joh 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. **SO IS EVERYONE WHO IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT.**" [*rebirth is the work of the Holy Spirit*]
- Joh 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"
- Joh 3:10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?"
- Joh 3:11 Most assuredly, I say to you, **We speak what We know** and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.
- Joh 3:12 If I **HAVE TOLD YOU EARTHLY THINGS** and you do not believe, **how will you believe if I tell YOU HEAVENLY THINGS?**
- Joh 3:13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

WE NEED A SAVIOR-

Someone who saves us from our condition

- **Joh 3:14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- Joh 3:15 that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.** [*this is how we are healed*]
- Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

THIS ETERNAL LIFE IN US COMES FROM WHAT JESUS DID

- **2Co 5:17** Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- 2Co 5:18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

TWO ASPECTS OF JESUS' MINISTRY -

- Jesus did and does much more

THE LAMB OF GOD

- **Joh 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**"

THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST -

- **Heb 5:1** For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, **that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.**
- Heb 5:2 **He can have compassion** on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.
- **Heb 4:14** Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast *our* confession.
- Heb 4:15 For we do not have a **High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.**
- Heb 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

THE PAST

JESUS WAS IN CONTROL ALL THE TIME

- Jesus willingly offered Himself and could have stopped everything at any moment
- HE WAS VICTORIOUS EVEN IN HIS DEATH

AT GETHSEMANE HE MADE THE DECISION IN FAITH

- **Mat 26:39** He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*."
 - **THE PHYSICAL PAIN** He went through was common in that day. Even today, people suffer torture and atrocious death.
 - No one ever suffered the **SPIRITUAL PAIN** He went through because of the separation from the Father - **THAT WAS NOT DONE BY MEN**

JESUS IMPRISONED

- **Joh 18:3** Then Judas, having received a detachment *of troops*, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.
- Joh 18:4 Jesus therefore, **knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward** and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"
- Joh 18:5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.
- Joh 18:6 Now when He said to them, "I am *He*," **they drew back and fell to the ground.**

- Joh 18:7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."
- Joh 18:8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am *He*. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,"

JESUS BEFORE PONTIUS PILATE

- **Joh 19:10** Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"
- Joh 19:11 Jesus answered, "**You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.** Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

THE SCOURGING OF JESUS

- **Mat 27:27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.
- Mat 27:28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.
- Mat 27:29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
- Mat 27:30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS

- **Luk 23:33** And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.
- Luk 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.
- Luk 23:45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.
- Luk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, **'INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.'**" Having said this, He breathed His last.
- Luk 23:47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

THE PRESENT

THE PURPOSE OF JESUS' DEATH

- **Isa 53:4** Surely He has borne our griefs [*sicknesses*] And carried our sorrows [*pains*]; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.
- Isa 53:5 But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

OUR FAITH RESPONSE TO JESUS' DEATH

- **2Co 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin to *be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- **1Pe 2:24** who Himself bore our sins in HIS OWN BODY on the tree, that WE, HAVING DIED TO SINS, MIGHT LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS-by WHOSE STRIPES YOU WERE HEALED. *[there is no difference spiritually and physically]*

PARTAKING JESUS' DEATH

- It starts with YOUR GETHSEMANE - A Decision in Faith to die to our sins and flesh
- **Mar 8:34** When He had called the people to *Himself* with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- Mar 8:35 For whoever DESIRES TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.
- Mar 8:36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

COMMUNION

- **1Co 11:23** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread;
- 1Co 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is **My body which is broken for you** [*say: it was broken for me*]; **DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**" [*I remember Lord, and we thank you*]
- 1Co 11:25 In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood.** This do, as often as you drink *it*, **IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**" [*I thank you for shedding your blood for me and for the New Covenant You established*]
- 1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, **YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COMES.**
- 1Co 11:27 Therefore whoever **eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**
- 1Co 11:28 But let **A MAN EXAMINE HIMSELF**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [*Lord I judge myself and repent of my sins, of the ones I know and the ones I don't. That means that in faith I renounce them and decide not to fall in them again. But, I put my faith in you, not in my works. I am worthy because of what you did on the cross. I am righteous, in right standing with God, because I am washed in your blood and you paid for my sins.*]
- 1Co 11:29 For he **who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**
- 1Co 11:30 For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep. [*Lord, I discern Your body. You took my sicknesses and my pains, and by Your stripes I am healed*]
- 1Co 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.
- 1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.
- **AS YOU COME TO TAKE THE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNION, SET YOUR HEART ON JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF YOUR FAITH.**
- **DISCERN AND APPROPRIATE HIS BODY AND BLOOD.**
- **SEE YOURSELF FORGIVEN AND HEALED.**