

THE LORD'S SUPPER



REMEMBERING
THE BODY AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

JESUS' SUFFERING FORETOLD

ISAIAH FORETOLD THE DEPTH OF JESUS' SUFFERING IN ISAIAH 53.

¹Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²For 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.

³He 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.

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs

And carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed Him stricken,

Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But 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.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned, every one, to his own way;

And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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.

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.

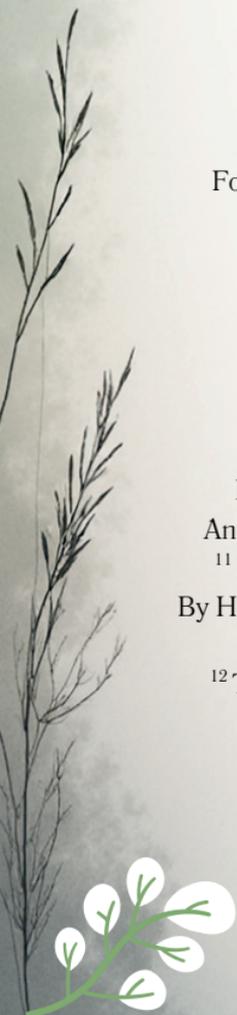
⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked -
But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

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.

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.

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.



JESUS' LAST SUPPER

THE LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH

On the night before His death, Jesus gathered with His disciples for the Passover.

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'

Luke 22:19

The central symbol of the Passover that was instituted for the people of Israel in Exodus 12 was the lamb without blemish, whose blood on doorposts spared the Israelites from the death of the firstborn.

Two days before the Passover, Jesus had already told His disciples that the hour had come for Him to depart from the world and to go to His Father.

Jesus knew what awaited Him – betrayal, denial, rejection, and unimaginable pain. Yet He chose the path of obedience, the way of love.

JESUS' PRAYER AT THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

DEEPLY ANGUISHED AND IN AGONY

In the dark of night, at the Garden of Gethsemane, He knelt and prayed in deep anguish.

Then He said to them, 'My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.'

Matthew 26:38

And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Luke 22:44

THE JEWISH TRIALS

FALSELY ACCUSED, SPAT ON AND BEATEN

Jesus was bound and taken first to Annas and then to Caiaphas, the High Priest.

John 18:12–13

Though Jewish law forbade night trials, Jesus was unjustly examined before the Sanhedrin during the night.

They accused Him of blasphemy (Matthew 26:65), a sin that was punishable by death (Leviticus 24:16).

... they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands.

Matthew 26:67

From there, the Jewish leaders sent Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, because under Roman rule, they had no authority to carry out the death sentence.

John 18:31

THE ROMAN TRIALS

**FOUND FAULTLESS YET MOCKED, SCOURGED, STRIPPED, STRUCK,
CROWNED WITH A CROWN OF THORNS, MOCKED, AND SPAT ON**

At 6 AM on Saturday, Jesus was brought before Pilate at the Praetorium. Pilate declared, "I find no fault in Him", but the people demanded His death.

When Pilate heard Jesus was a Galilean, he sent Him to Herod. Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

Pilate told the people that neither he nor Herod could find fault with Jesus despite their accusations. And that he would chastise Him, and then release Him, because he needed to release one prisoner to them at the feast. But the Jews demanded that Barabbas, a notorious criminal,
be released instead of Jesus.

Luke 23:1-15

Pilate still wanted to release Jesus and thinking it might satisfy the crowd, he had Jesus scourged. The Roman scourge – a whip with sharp pieces of bone and metal – tore His flesh. After that, Pilate brought Him out again and said, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault
in Him."

John 19:1-4

But the people could not be appeased.

They shouted for Jesus to be crucified, saying Pilate was no friend of Caesar's if he let Jesus go, and they had no king but Caesar.

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying,

“I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.”

And all the people answered and said,
“His blood be on us and on our children.”

Then Pilate's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

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!”

Matthew 27:24–29

They spat on Him, struck Him on the head, and led Him away to be crucified.

THE WAY TO CALVARY

WEARY, BLEEDING, DEHYDRATED, AND IN DEEP PAIN

“And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.”

John 19:17

Weary from sleeplessness, beaten and bleeding, dehydrated and in deep pain, Jesus walked that lonely road between the Praetorium and Golgotha (or Calvary, in Latin). Jesus was made to carry the patibulum (the horizontal beam of the cross; weight between 35-57 kg) on His wounded, scourged shoulders. The vertical post was already in place at Golgotha.

When His body could bear no more,
Simon of Cyrene was compelled to carry His cross.

Luke 23:26



THE CRUCIFIXION

AGONY AS WRISTS AND FEET ARE NAILED TO THE CROSS

When they came to Calvary, they crucified Him – it was the third hour,
about 9 AM.

Mark 15:25

At Golgotha, Jesus was **stripped** of His garments.

The soldiers offered Him wine mixed with myrrh (a mild sedative),
but when He tasted and realized what it was,
He refused it – choosing to experience **the full suffering**.

Then, they laid Him down upon the crossbeam,
stretched out His arms,
and drove large iron **nails through His wrists**,
a common Roman practice, as the wrists could support the body's weight.
His feet were placed together and nailed to the upright post.

The cross was then lifted and dropped into a hole in the ground,
jolting His body against the nails.

Hanging by His torn flesh, **every breath became agony**.
To inhale, He had to push up against the nail in His feet;
to exhale, He sagged against the nails in His wrists –
scraping His **shredded back against the rough wood of the cross**.

JESUS' FINAL WORDS

COMPASSION AND MERCY AMIDST THE AGONY

Even amid the unspeakable pain, Jesus prayed for those who tormented Him.

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” Luke 23:34

As He hung on the cross, people mocked Him – the chief priests, soldiers, and even one of the thieves beside Him. Yet the other thief repented, and Jesus promised him:

“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Luke 23:43

Even on the cross, Jesus cared for His mother, Mary. As she stood below the cross, He told her, **“Woman, behold your son!”**

And to John, **“Behold your mother!”**

John 19:25-30

And darkness came over the land from the sixth hour until the ninth hour.

About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is,

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Matthew 27:45



OBEDIENT TO THE LAST BREATH

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said,
“**I thirst!**”

Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with **sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.**

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**”
John 19:28-30

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice,
He said, “**Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’**”

And having said this, He yielded up His spirit and breathed His last.
This was between 3 PM and 4 PM.

CREATION BORE WITNESS TO THE SON OF GOD

Then, the earth quaked,
and the rocks were split,
and the graves were opened;
and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;
and coming out of the graves after His resurrection,
they went into the holy city and appeared to many.
Matthew 27:51–53

When the centurion and those with him,
who stood opposite Him and were guarding Jesus,
saw the earthquake and the things that had happened,
they feared greatly, saying,
“Truly this was the Son of God!”

The centurion glorified God, saying,
“Certainly this was a righteous Man!”
Matthew 27:54

ALL THE LAW FULFILLED

PIERCED, BUT NOT BROKEN

The Jews did not want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath, which was the next day. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified Jesus and the robbers broken, to accelerate their death, so that they might be taken down from their crosses.

Crucifixion was a slow and agonizing way to die – often taking days. Victims hung by nails or ropes, making breathing extremely difficult. With their legs broken, they could no longer raise themselves to draw another breath; death came swiftly through suffocation.

The soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. These things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, **“Not one of His bones shall be broken.”**

And again, **“They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”**

John 19:32–34

For about six hours, Jesus suffered on the cross – from the third hour (9 AM) to the ninth hour (3 PM) – suffering pain, thirst, and rejection.

The ultimate sacrifice.

JESUS' BURIAL

THE TOMB COULD HOLD HIS BODY BUT NOT HIS GLORY

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate secretly, for fear of the Jews,
and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate marveled that He was already dead;
and he granted the body to Joseph.

Joseph bought fine linen and
Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes,
about a hundred pounds.

Then they took the body of Jesus down
and bound it in strips of clean linen cloth with the spices,
as the custom of the Jews was to bury.

Before sunset that day,
He was buried in a new tomb,
laid there by Joseph of Arimathea.
The Sabbath began at sundown.

John 19:38–42

JESUS' RESURRECTION

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM

Very early on Sunday,
the women who ministered to Jesus came to His tomb with spices.
They were concerned about the large stone that covered the tomb.

Then there was a great earthquake;
an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and
rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it.
The guards who were stationed to make sure the grave was sealed
shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

Two angels in the form of men stood by the women in shining garments
and said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

He is not here but is risen!

When Peter and John ran to the tomb,
they discovered the linen cloths lying there,
and the handkerchief that had been around His head folded.

Jesus died for us on the cross on Friday,
drew His last breath between 3 PM and 4 PM that day,
and He rose again Sunday morning.

DEATH IS DEFEATED AND GRACE TRIUMPHANT

We remember not a defeated Savior, but a risen King.

His body, once broken, is now glorified.
His blood, once shed, has purchased our redemption.

**In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of His grace.**

Ephesians 1:7

THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS BODY AND HIS BLOOD

**For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.**

1 Corinthians 11:26

Today, as we partake of the bread, we remember His body that was broken for us. As we drink the cup, we remember His blood that was poured out for the remission of sins.

The cross was suffering – but it was also victory. The grave was dark – but it was also the dawn of our redemption. And because He lives, we live also.

**Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 15:57



A CALL TO SELF-EXAMINATION

IN DISCERNMENT OF THE LORD'S BODY

The Lord's Supper is sacred –
not to be taken lightly, casually, or with unrepentant hearts.

Paul's instruction is not that we must be perfect, but that we must come with reverence, humility, and sincere faith – discerning the holiness of what Christ has done for us.

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. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1 Corinthians 11:27–29





MAY THIS REMEMBRANCE
OF THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS CHRIST
STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH IN HIM
AND DRAW US CLOSER TO HIM.