

The Suffering of The Christ

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John 18:1-11, *“When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples. ² Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. ³ Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I am He.” And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ So when He said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Therefore He again asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,” ⁹ to fulfill the word which He spoke, “Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one.” ¹⁰ Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus. ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?”*

Acts 2:23, *“The predetermined plan and knowledge of God.”*

John 10:18, *“No one has taken My life away from Me, I lay it down on My own initiative.”*

Will we lay our lives down in obedience to the Father’s will and the teachings of Jesus, when it gets emotionally and physically painful?

Hebrews 12:1-4, *“Lay aside the sin which so easily entangles us, run with endurance the race set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross. ³ Consider Jesus who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.”*

John 18:22, *“One of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus.”*

John 19:1-3, *“Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; ³ and they began to come up to Him and say, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and to give Him slaps in the face.”*

John 19:6, *“The chief priests cried out, “Crucify, crucify!”*

John 19:16-18, *“Pilate handed Jesus over to the Jewish priests to be crucified. ¹⁷ They took Jesus, bearing His own cross, to the Place of a Skull, called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified Him.”*

Isaiah 53:5-7, *“By His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb led to slaughter, and like a sheep silent before its shearers, He did not open His mouth.”*

1 Peter 2:21-23, *“Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow in His steps, ²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to God who judges righteously.”*

Revile: to say harsh things, to insult and demoralize

John 19:30, *“It is finished!”*

It is finished: to accomplish and fulfill

Galatians 5:24, *“Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”*

Romans 6:3-5, *“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.”*

Acts 2:38, *“Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*