

Easter 2018:

Text: (1 Pet 3:18)

The Cup, The Crown, The Cross, The Conquest

I. The Cup:

Mount of Olives on the Eastside of Jerusalem

You have to cross the Cedron Valley

@ Passover, the blood would turn the creek crimson.

Explain Gethsemane: Olive Press

(Matt 26:36-45)

(Vs 37) *Sorrowful, Very Heavy,*

(Vs 38) *My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.*

(Vs 39) *if it be possible, let this cup pass from me:*

Here is what I want, “*Just Saying*”

(Lk 22:41-44) A more detailed view

(Lk 22:43) An Angel came to Strengthen him.

(Lk 22:44) “*Agony*” Sweat was as great drops-blood

Agonia Stone: The Place of Agony (Grk: ~ Contest)

Whats Up with the Cup?

Cup is symbolic of His Death!

(Mk 10:35-39) Sons of Zebedee

(John 18:11) *the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?*

A. Pollution of Sin:

(2 Cor 5:21) *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

God placed all the sin of the world upon His own Son.

God treated His Son as a sinner.

“The cup”: God’s wrath & fury poured out upon sin.

(2 Cor 5:21) *For he* (God the Father)

hath made him (God the Son, Jesus Christ)

to be sin for us (The believing, redeemed sinner)

who knew no sin (Jesus Christ);

that we (The believing, redeemed sinner)

might be made the righteousness of God in him.

B. Punishment for Sin:

(1 Pet 3:18) *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

(Vs 40) “*What,?*” I am doing this for you!

“*Your Killing Me, Peter!*”

(Vs 41) “*the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak*” -

“*I get it! The Struggle is Real*”

Jesus had a real Human body.

Jesus had to triumph over the Temptation.

Adam failed in the Garden of Eden.

Jesus Triumphed in the Garden of Gethsemane.
(Vs 42) *“I am doing this by Faith!”* I Trust You!
(Vs 43-44) *Its all on Me anyway! “Same words”*
Typical, Mankind is a sleep/oblivious to the
spiritual battle that raged all around them.
(Vs 45) The Contest is Over!

Gethsemane is the courtyard to Calvary.
The Victory was WON In Gethsemene, but ...
The Victory was PAID for On Galgotha (Calvary).

Besides drinking the CUP, Jesus had to wear...

II. The Crown: (Matt 27:27-31)
Roman soldiers had no interest in Jewish prophecy.

A. The Mystery: (Gen 3:17-19)
Jesus wore the symbol of Sin.
Jesus wore the symbol of Sin’s curse on humanity.
Jesus wore the symbol of Sin’s curse on the world.
Jesus wore the symbol of Sin’s hardship. (Gen 3:19)

(Gal 3:13) *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*
He wore the symbol of the curse for me.

(Heb 6:8) *But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.*

B. The Misery: (1 Pet 3:18) *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

Explain the Brutalization of Jesus:

He was denied by his friends and deserted.
Unjustly accused, lied about, & tried with out a cause.
Beaten unrecognizable, *“Visage was Marred”!*
He had the beard ripped from his face.
He was whipped with a cat of 9 tails.
He had Thorns pressed into his brow.
Beaten with Rods. Spit on, and Mocked.
Carried His cross(Via Delarosa) The way of Suffering
Nailed to a cross, Mocked, by the Priests & Thieves.
Fed vinegar, and died. - Laid in a borrowed tomb.

(IS 53:4-5) *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

C. The Mockery: (Matt 27:29)

Imagine the scene.
Beaten Unrecognizable.
Blood oozing from his nose, eyes, ears, & mouth;
matted with the spit of the soldiers & dirt-prison floor

Blood dripping from the wounds on his back, under the scarlet robe, running down his legs & dripping onto the pavement as they Mock Him!

(Matt 27:39-44) Mocking @ Calvary

(Ps 2:1) “Why do the heathen Rage”

to be violent & tumultuous against

Not My Messiah” “Not My God!”

(Ps 14:1) The fool hath said in his heart, **No God!**

D. The Ministry: Salvation! (2 Cor 5:21) *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

(Gen 22)

Vs 8: *God will provide himself a lamb*

Vs 13a: *A ram caught in a thicket by his horns*

Vs 13b: *offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. (Substitutionary Atonement!)*

(Jn 8:56) *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.*

Abraham never build another altar again!

III. The Cross: (1 Pet 3:18) *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

The Reason for the Cross is Sin

The Solution for Sin is the Cross

A. Suffering: (Vicarious) (1 Pet 3:18) *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust,*

(Substitutionary Atonement was always the plan!)

(1 Pet 1:18-19) *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

B. Satisfaction: (1 Pet 3:18) *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, - “ONCE”*

(Heb 10:12-14) *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

(John 19:30) “It is finished!”

Once for All, Paid in Full

GK: *Tel-eh’-o* - Completion/End

Illus: same word written on convicts release form.

Paid in FULL!

C. Salvation: (1 Pet 3:18) *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, As If being Presented to a King*

Sin Separates us from God.

(Rom 5:10) *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

(2 Sam 14:14) *For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.*

“he devise means”

OH the Love that Thought IT!

OH the Love that Bought IT!

(Col 1:20) *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

God could have chosen anything to Reconcile mankind to Himself, but He chose the Cross!

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IV. The Conquest: Jesus WINS!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is PROOF OF GOD'S ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE:

Christ actually died.

"...Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost." Mathew 27:50.

"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:" (John 19:33)

"And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead." (Mark 15:44-45)

"Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away," (Matthew 27:62-66)

Christ actually rose again BODILY.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore," (Revelation 1:18)

"He is not here: for he is risen," (Matthew 28:5-6)

"Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." (Luke 24:34)

*Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, **as ye see me have.** (Luke 24:39)*

The resurrection is proof positive of the validity of the Gospel.

"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:" (Romans 1:3-4)

"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." (Romans 4:25)

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." (1 Cor 15:12-20)

"It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." (Romans 8:31-39)

What is your Faith in?

Are you Saved?

When did you get Saved?

How did you get saved?