

THE THORN

EASTER EXPERIENCE





“HE CARRIED OUR SINS”

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JOHN 3:16, (NIV)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”



ARE YOU SLEEPING ON JESUS?

“THE APPEAL IN GETHSEMANE”
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JESUS PRAYS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Luke 22:39-41, (NLT)

39 Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives.

40 There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation."

41 He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,

1ST PETITION IN THE APPEAL

Luke 22:42-43, (NLT)

42 "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

43 Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him.

THE CUP OF SUFFERING

THE CUP INVOLVED TWO HORRIBLE
EXPERIENCES FOR CHRIST IN TAKING
OUR PLACE ON THE CROSS:

1. IT MEANT HE WOULD BE LADEN WITH
GUILE.

He was made “sin for us”. (2 Cor. 5:21)

THE CUP OF SUFFERING

ISAIAH 53:6, (NLT)

ALL OF US, LIKE SHEEP, HAVE STRAYED AWAY. WE HAVE LEFT GOD'S PATHS TO FOLLOW OUR OWN. YET THE LORD LAID ON HIM THE SINS OF US ALL.

THE CUP OF SUFFERING

2. IT MEANT HE WOULD BE LEFT BY GOD.

As our substitute, Christ experienced our punishment which was not just separation of soul from the body (physical death), but separation of the soul from God.

“My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me.”
Matthew 27:46, (KJV)

THE CUP OF SUFFERING

Ezekiel 18:4

For all souls are mine to judge—both parents and children alike. And this is my rule: **The soul who sins is the one who will die.**

2ND PETITION IN THE APPEAL

MATTHEW 26:36-38, (NLT)

37 HE TOOK PETER AND ZEBEDEE'S TWO SONS, JAMES AND JOHN, AND HE BECAME ANGUISHED AND DISTRESSED.

38 HE TOLD THEM, "MY SOUL IS CRUSHED WITH GRIEF TO THE POINT OF DEATH. Stay here and keep watch with me."

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Luke 22:45-46, (NLT)

45 At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief.

46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them.
"Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation."

HOW HEAVY IS THE CROSS? HE CARRIED OUR SINS!

1 Peter 2:23-24, (NLT)

23 He did not retaliate when he was insulted,
nor threaten revenge when he suffered.

He left his case in the hands of God,
who always judges fairly.

24 He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By
his wounds you are healed.



LUKE 19:10

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”



ROMANS 3:23

All have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21, (NIV)

20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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