

# **THE ATONEMENT OF JESUS THE CHRIST**

## **GETHSEMANE (Alone)**

- Went a little further and fell on his face – being in agony;
- Cried, if it be possible let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, Thy will not mine be done.
- Which suffering caused myself, even God,... to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and would that I might not drink of the bitter cup and shrink
- Angel (the Father) strengthened Him
- Three times He went alone to finish what had to be done for us.
- Alone and totally voluntarily, He suffered for all of our sins, every pain, and every mistreatment.
- Because He loves us, and He will take all of these burdens, if we will come unto Him.

## **BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN (Rejected by His own, Israel)**

- Betrayed by one of the Twelve
- “And so they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.” (Zech. 11:12-13)
- We stone thee for blasphemy, because thou, being a man, makest thyself God. (John 10:33)
- They were guilty of the sin of which he was condemned (the penalty for which was death) .
- Spit in His face, buffeted Him, and smote Him, saying, “Prophecy, who smote thee?”
- Peter denied him thrice with an oath. “His blood be upon us and our children.”
- “Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets...” and the very Son of our Heavenly Father.

## **BEFORE THE ROMANS (Rejected by the Gentiles, the world)**

- Art thou king of the Jews?
- Scourge Him (40 lashes minus 1)
- Crown Him (crown of platted thorns).
- Mockingly, put on Him a scarlet robe,
- And a reed for a scepter. “Art thou king of the Jews?”
- Smite Him, mock Him and spit upon Him.
- “I have power to crucify Thee.” “Thou hast no power except it be given thee from above.”

## **SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS** (All of the previous suffering came on Him, and this time He bore it alone)

- “Forgive... Father,...they know not what they do.”
- “Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise.”
- “My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?”
- “I thirst!”
- “Mother, behold thy son.” “Behold thy mother.”
- “Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.”
- “It is finished!”

## **GAVE HIS LIFE VOLUNTARILY**

- “No man taketh it from me; but I lay it down of myself.” (John 10:18)
- “I came to do the will of the Father.” (John 5:30)
- We go up to Jerusalem; Son of Man, betrayed, mocked, scourged, crucified, and will rise 3<sup>rd</sup> day.
- For this purpose came I into the world.
- And they thrust in the spear and out gushed blood and water for He was already dead.
- Died of a broken heart for the sins of mankind.
- His spilt blood ran down an earthquake crack onto the “mercy seat” of the Ark of the Covenant.

### VISIT TO THE SPIRIT WORLD

- The hour is coming when all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God. (John 5:25)
- Story of Lazarus and the rich man: great gulf fixed (Luke 16:19-31)
- The Savior bridged the gulf – organizing the enormous missionary work there.
- Great rejoicing over all the dispensations back to Adam – gathered and proclaimed the goodness of God.
- Prison doors opened and the prisoners go free as they come to Christ. (1 Peter. 3:18-20; 4:6; Doctrine & Covenants 138:22)
- They that hear shall live. Live according to God in the spirit; judged according to men in the flesh.
- Fathers hearts turned to the children and children's hearts to the fathers (Malachi 4:5-6)

### GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

- Three days earlier, He was laid in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea (his uncle) by Joseph and Nicodemus – wrapped in linen with spices.
- The Marys came to the empty tomb, saw the angels, the empty tomb, and heard the glorious announcement: “He is not here, He is risen.”
- Peter and John ran to the tomb and saw the clothes folded.
- Mary Magdalene lingered and was the first to see the risen Lord. When he says, “Mary,” her heart went from the deepest depths of despair to the heights of ecstasy.
- He then appears to Peter and two of the women.
- He walks with two disciples on the road to Emmaus.
- He then appears to the Apostles, and later to five hundred at once and ascends after proclaiming that they will take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Angels proclaim, “As ye have seen him go... he shall come in like manner. This is the most important event in all the history of the Earth – overcoming physical and spiritual death. In Him alone can we and nations be free, and no man cometh unto the Father but by Him.

*His atonement – completed by the resurrection – gives the greatest hope possible to all of Father's children in the perfect plan of happiness. The gospel is not only the “good news,” it is the best news.*

*-How can we tell the wonders of His ways and the magnitude of all that He has done for us?*

*-The Scriptures are replete in the telling. The more we ponder, pray, and study the importance of what He has done for us, the more we want to share it with rejoicing with the whole world.*

*-The Easter Season is celebrated by Arab, Jew (unknowingly) and Christian (at nominally the same time), and all three celebrations point to the atonement. Thank you, Lord; we see Your loving hand everywhere.*

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