

Christ Holy Friday (Good Friday)

Good Friday marks a memorial that distinguishes this day from any Friday before it and after it. It's a Day that several prophecies are manifested in one day, a Day that fulfills a New Covenant, a Day that evil and darkness appear to reign, and a Day that God's Providential Plans & Promises are highlighted by his Passion, which is where the term Passion Week derives from. Passion Week is highlighted in the four Gospels, featuring Jesus Passion displayed through his **agony, betrayal, sufferings, trials, death, burial, and resurrection!**

Good Friday aka Holy Friday features Jesus Passion that highlights his love to give his life and die on a cross, there was a song that says "it wasn't the nails that held him to the cross, he could have come down but my soul would still be lost; it was love that held him to the cross"!

Jesus Passion is magnified when encountering agony, his agony started knowing his betrayal would proceed his death, and his death would separate him and his Father; therefore, Jesus resorted to the one thing he always did before a miracle was manifested, he went to pray with three of his disciples. Praying to overcome his sorrow and heaviness of heart for what he would encounter; so, he asked his three brothers to tarry, pray, and watch with him. But instead of praying they fell asleep, not once, not twice, but three times! Nevertheless, Jesus remained persistent in prayers which concluded in him saying "thy will be done" (**Mt. 26:42**), right before he acknowledged that he would be betrayed (**Mt. 26:45**).

Jesus Passion reveals his commitment to forgive his betrayers; just like his disciple Judas, who betrayed him (**Luke 22:48**), along with the people that chose the thief Barabbas over Jesus (**Mark 15:11-15**). Jesus being the Son of God knew they would betray him years before they did; nevertheless, these are the same people that he taught, fed, ministered to, and even healed many of them! However, Jesus next test was on the cross amidst those who were two faced; while being on the cross Jesus commitment is reflected as he cries out "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing (**Luke 23:34**)".

Jesus Passion is heard in his silence, right before Jesus's death, he was brought before the courts to be judged, by the Chief Priests, the Jewish Leaders, and the Roman Governor Pilate. According to **Isa 42:2, & Isa 53:7** he was commissioned NOT to say a word. As he went to different courts, where he was falsely accused and lied upon, yet he did not say a single word. He was innocent of the charges (**John 19:4**) but he still did not say a word (**Matt 26:63, 27:12,14**). Why didn't he say anything? Because of his obedience to this providential plan reflects his dedication to fulfill God's Covenant and prophecies, become our permanent and eternal sacrifice, and knowing he would be avenged without uttering a word.

Jesus Passion is manifested by his suffering, Good Friday became Holy Friday when Jesus the Passover lamb became the spotless, unblemished, pure, final substituted, and sacrificed lamb; now he's one step before resurrection, he must die as assigned on a cross! His power is so great that no man can take his life, but it's here that he surrender his will for that of the Father, a Will that even God the Son experiences a separation from God as Jesus puts on and bares our sins (**1 Pet 2:24**), this was the during the 6th and 9th hour (aka 12pm - 3pm) when darkness covered the earth. This darkness represented the darkness of the sin of the people which resulted in a separation from God the Father and God the Son; this is evident when Jesus cries loudly "my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (**Matt 27:46**)". But notice now instead of calling him Father as he usually does, this time Jesus calls him

God, acknowledging God as The Supreme God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, soon afterwards Jesus died and was buried in a tomb. This makes is Good Friday!

With Jesus being our model lets seek the Holy Ghost to be that same example of salt and light to other, May, we know that our obedience is connected to our first line of defense “prayer”. We will acknowledge the true purpose of seeing betrayers is to restore not blast them. That we will trust God enough to know when to be quick to hear and slow to speak And endeavor to acknowledge, testify, and make special the sacrifice paid for our freedom.

1 Pet 2:24 who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.

Matt 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Isa 42:2 “**He will not cry out** or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, **Yet He did not open His mouth;** Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Matthew 26:63 **But Jesus kept silent.** And the high priest said to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.”

Matthew 27:12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, **He did not answer.** **27:14** And **He did not answer** him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

John 19:4 “Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that **I find no fault in him.**”

Mt 26:36-44

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, **thy will be done.**

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the **Son of man is betrayed** into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand **that doth betray me.**

Luke 22:48 but Jesus asked him, “**Judas**, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

Mark 15:11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. **12** And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? **13** And they cried out again, Crucify him. **14** Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. **15** And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.