

CHAPTER TWO

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GOD'S WISDOM IS THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS.

(Contains the revelations of Mary of Agreda.)

Jesus Taken Prisoner.

Jesus had forewarned the Apostles at the Last Supper, that all of them would flee and disperse in fright.

Mt 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you (Apostles) will have your *faith* in Me shaken, for it is written: I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed".

Mk 14:27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you (Apostles) will have your *faith* shaken, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed.

When the Apostles saw Jesus taken prisoner and when it became clear He could not appease His enemies, they fell into great trouble and fear. Each Apostle, with anxious thoughts, wanted to escape the danger. Their spiritual strength was weak, but now it was severely tested. The Apostles, taking advantage of the preoccupation of the soldiers in shackling Jesus, escaped unnoticed. Certainly their enemies, if God had permitted them, would have captured all the Apostles, especially if they had seen them fly like cowards or criminals. The hatred of the Pharisees extended to the Apostles, and was deep enough to make them desire the death of all of them.

Mt 26:56 But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

Zec 13:7 Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My associate, says the LORD of many. Strike the shepherd that the sheep may be dispersed, and I will turn My hand against the little ones.

Ps 38:12 Friends and companions shun My pain;

Apostle John Runs Off Naked.

As Scripture points out, the Apostles separated from each other, and scattered in different directions.

Mk 14:50 And they all left Jesus and fled.

14:51 Now a young man (Apostle John) followed Him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him,

14:52 but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

Brothers, each story in Scripture has a spiritual lesson. Mary of Agreda writes in her book how John, the beloved Apostle of Jesus, took off and ran. John, up to that time had acquired some virtue, depicted as a linen cloth; however, he lost what little he had when he ran. Behold; "Blessed is the one who watches

and keeps his clothes ready, *so that he may not go naked and people see him exposed*". Rev (16:15)

Ecc 5:14 As he came forth from his mother's womb, so again shall he depart, *naked* as he came, having nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.

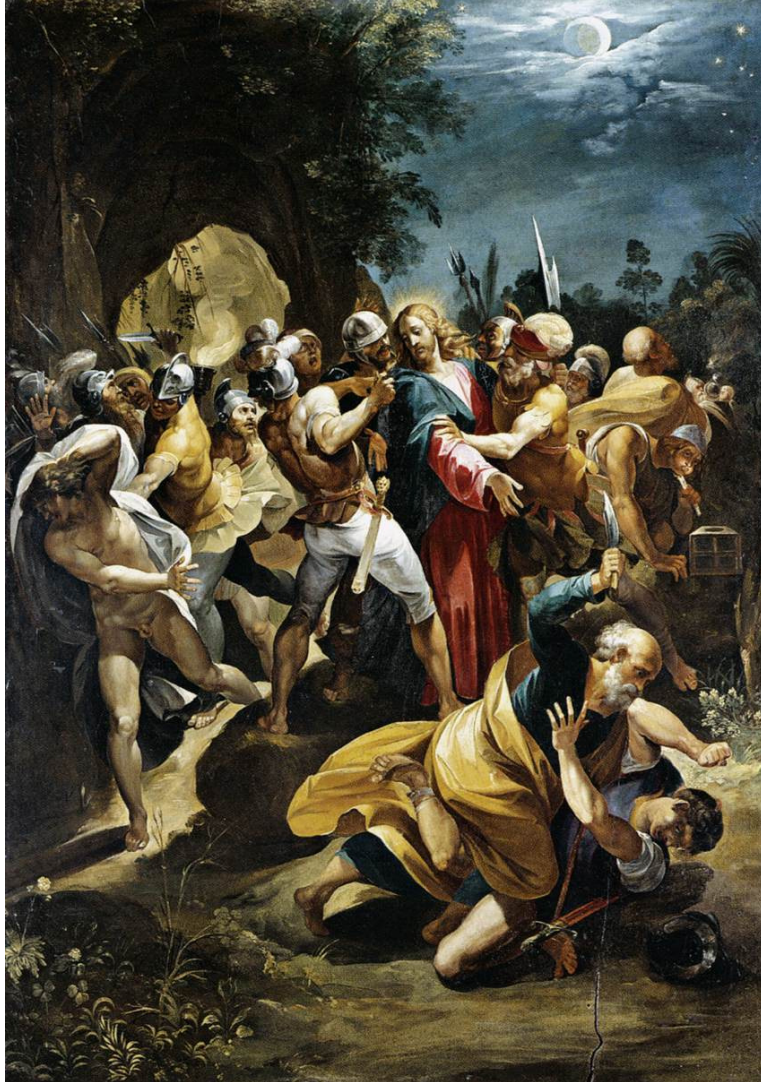
5:15 This too is a grievous evil, that he goes just as he came.

In the soul of each Apostle was a battle of sorrow and grief; on the one side, loyalty; on the other side, fear of physical harm. Reason and truth barked loudly and reprimanded them with their disloyalty in having forsaken Jesus. They remembered how the Lord warned them and they remembered their disobedience in neglecting to pray. For the Lord commanded them to pray in order to strengthen themselves against the coming trial.

Our Holy Mother, from the Cenacle, knew the activities of the Apostles. She allowed no ill feeling against them, *nor did She ever speak to them about their disloyalty*. From that hour She began to pray for them. In sweetest charity and with the compassion of a Mother, She prayed, "O simple sheep, chosen by the Lord, do you leave your most loving Teacher, who cares for you and feeds you on the pastures of eternal life? Why, being disciples of such a truthful doctrine, do you leave your Master? How can you forget the sweet and loving conversations, *which so attracted your hearts?* Why do you listen to satan and his lies? Thus you follow the wolf, which

seeks your ruin. O most patient and sweet Lord, how meek, and kind and merciful does the love of men makes You! Extend Your gentle love to this little flock, which is now troubled and scattered. Do not deliver them over to the beasts, for their lips have confessed Your Name. You have set great hope in those, whom You have chosen as Your servants. Let not such graces be in vain, nor reject those whom You have freely chosen for the foundation of Your Church. Let not Lucifer glory in having, beneath Your very eyes, destroyed the best of Your family. My Son, look upon Your beloved disciples John, Peter, and James. Turn an eye of mercy also upon the rest; crush the arrogance of Lucifer, which now pursues them with his fury".

Brothers, sins caused by arrogance are the most deadly. (Arrogance is a bold self confidence in what you believe and feel.) Take for example Herod's sin of not listening to John the Baptist. Not only does Herod ignore John's warnings, but also beheaded John. Another example is the Pharisees; they failed to listen to Jesus because of their arrogance. The Apostles were also arrogant, but their arrogance was not as obvious. They followed Jesus because they expected Him to be an earthly king; and they were looking for personal gain. When their dreams of personal gain looked dark and physical harm was so close, their reason for following Jesus came to an end.



The Apostles And Their Emotions.

Each person has emotions that are directly tied to the events that are occurring at the moment. We are required throughout our lives to say no to our emotions and respond by practicing the virtues. When we are faced with extreme situations as in the case of the Apostles when Jesus was arrested, our past actions pertaining to small things becomes obvious. Let me explain. If we can't say no to our emotions under small stresses, we will never say no when

subjected to severe trials.

Jesus Is Bound In Iron.

The soldiers having been advised by Judas that Jesus was a sorcerer and could easily escape their hands; they took all precautions inspired by such mistrust. They bound Jesus with a heavy iron chain, that it encircled the waist and His neck. The two ends of the chain were attached to large rings with which they tied the hands of Jesus. The hands thus

secured and bound, they fastened His hands not in front, but behind.



This chain came from the house of Annas the high priest, where it had served to raise the iron door of a dungeon. But they were still not satisfied; for in their distrust they added two pieces of strong rope. The one they encircled the throat of Jesus and, crossing it at the chest, bound it in heavy knots all about the body.



Rope around Jesus neck.

They left two long ends of the rope free in front, in order that the *servants and*

soldiers might jerk Him in different directions along the way. The second rope served to tie His arms, being bound likewise around His waist. The two ends of this rope were left hanging free to be used by two other executioners for jerking Him from behind. In this manner Jesus permitted Himself to be bound and made helpless. Adding to the chains and ropes, the soldiers insulted Jesus with their disgusting language. For like venomous snakes they shot forth their sacrilegious poison in abuse and blasphemy.



Some of them dragged Him along by the ropes in front and others prevented His steps by the ropes hanging from the handcuffs behind. In this manner, with violence, they sometimes forced Him to run forward in a hurry, frequently causing Him to fall. At other times, they jerked Him backwards; and then they pulled Him from one side to the other. *Many times they violently threw Him to the ground. Jesus fell upon His face because of His hands were tied behind Him. This caused Christ's face to become severely wounded and scratched.* In His falls they pounced upon Him, inflicting blows and kicks, trampling upon His body. They

accomplished this with loud shouts and insults.

Jn 18:12 So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound Him.

Ez 3:25 As for you, Son of Man, *they will put cords upon You and bind You with them, so that you cannot go out among them.*

Jdgs 15:12 "We have come to take you prisoner, to deliver you over ..."
15:13 ... "we (The Jews) will certainly not kill you but will only bind you and deliver you over to them (The Romans)." So they bound him with two new ropes.

The Mother of Jesus was very aware of all that passed in His capture. She penetrated into all the hidden truths of His words and actions. In the measure in which the enemies of Jesus increased their irreverence and injuries, She sought to counterbalance them by Her praise and veneration. Thus She continued to pacify divine justice, lest it destroy His persecutors. She not only pacified God's justice, She even obtained blessings for the enemies of Jesus. Thus secured a return of good for those who were doing evil. This mercy included Judas. The Lord granted powerful helps, but the unfortunate man failed to respond to them.

When the enemies of Christ laid hands on and bound Him, His Mother felt the same exact pains caused by the ropes and chains. In the same manner, She felt upon Her Body the same blows and torments inflicted upon Jesus. Thus Her

senses were inflicted with pain, but this pain offered Her some relief from seeing Her Son suffer. Her sufferings would have been greater at the thought of not being with Jesus in His torments.

During all this time Lucifer, while motivating the enemies of Jesus, watched all the actions and movements of Jesus. As Lucifer was forced to acknowledge the meekness, patience, and sweetness of Jesus, the dragon was enraged the more, like one crazed by fury. Lucifer attempted to seize the ropes in order that he might pull at them more violently and overcome the meekness of Christ. But the Mother of Jesus, who, from Her room saw clearly all the happening of Her Son, and withheld Lucifer. She made use of Her power and commanded him to stop. All strength immediately left Lucifer and he could not proceed. It was not proper that his anger, in such a manner, should add to the sufferings of Christ. However, he was given permission to motivate the Jews against Jesus. He used this freedom to its full extent, and said to the other evil spirits: "What kind of a Man is this, who by His patience and His works so torments us and leave us powerless? No man ever maintained such peace and such long-suffering in tribulation since the time Adam until now. Never have we found among men such humility and meekness. How can we rest, when we see this disgusting example, drawing others to imitate Him? If this is the One we saw in our vision, Rev (12:1) He will certainly lead men away from the power we have over them. All our plans will be frustrated. Even if He is but a man, I cannot permit such an example for the

rest of mankind. Let us persecute Him through His human foes, who, obedient to my temptations, have given birth to some of our furious anger”.

Brothers, how did Jesus willingly allow Himself to be tormented and not rise up in anger? Behold and understand experiencing the depressions of mankind on a daily bases allowed Jesus to have sympathy for His human executors. If by His meekness He could save just one of them, He would willingly do so.

Questions.

- 1) When Jesus was taken prisoner, the Apostles were in great fear that they would be hurt and thus they ____ the danger.
- 2) It was God's plan that the Apostles would escape and arrest only Jesus. The prophet Zechariah wrote about this: "Strike the shepherd that the ____ may be dispersed".
- 3) Which Apostle after Jesus was arrested followed Jesus? The guards noticed this Apostle following and tried to capture him. But this Apostle escaped the guards as the guards caught hold of linen cloth. Thus he ran of _____.
- 4) Being naked is a symbol of a man with no _____ to display.
- 5) The Apostles had it in their minds that Jesus would rule Israel as an _____ king and were looking for personal _____.
- 6) Had the Apostles followed Jesus knowing that Jesus required suffering, the Apostles would have been prepared and would have not ran.
- 7) The soldiers bound Jesus with chains because they thought Jesus could escape by _____.
- 8) Did the soldiers bind Jesus hands in front or behind Him?
- 9) Jesus fell upon His face because His hands could not stop the fall because His hands were tied _____.
- 10) Using two ropes in front of Jesus and two ropes behind Him, the soldiers had great fun pulling from all directions thus causing Jesus to _____.
- 11) When Jesus was on the ground because of His falls, the soldiers pounced upon Him, by _____ Him.
- 12) The Mother of Jesus prayed for the soldiers and thus pacified God's _____.
- 13) When Jesus was bound and treated with blows to His Body, His Mother experienced the same exact _____.
- 14) Lucifer was so enraged at the meekness of Jesus, Lucifer tried to seize the _____. Who stopped Lucifer from doing this?

Jesus Interrogated.

The soldiers dragged Jesus bound and chained to the house of Annas, before whom they presented Him as a criminal worthy of death. The priest Annas seated himself in proud and arrogant state on the platform of a great hall. The servants and soldiers brought Jesus, and said: "At last we bring this Man, who by His sorceries and evil deeds has disturbed all Jerusalem and Judea. *This time His magic has not allowed Him to escape our hands and power.* Arrogantly the high priest asked Jesus about His disciples and about His doctrine. This question was put merely for the purpose of misinterpreting His answer. With a humble and meek attitude, Jesus answered by saying: "*I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in the synagogue and in the Temple, where all the Jews come and in secret I have spoken nothing. Why ask Me? Ask those, who have heard what I have spoken to them. Behold, they know what I have said*". Concerning the Apostles, Jesus said nothing because it was not necessary at this time because they were not showing much credit upon their Master by their present actions.



Scripture says, men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart? Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood? Ps (4:3) Exalt not yourselves lest you fall and bring upon yourselves dishonor, Sir (1:27) in the "highest places" are the basest of men. Ps (12:9)

Jn 18:12 So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound Him,
18:13 and brought Him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

Mk 14:53 And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were assembled.

Jn 18:19 The high priest (Annas) questioned Jesus about His disciples and about His doctrine.

18:20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the Temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing.

18:21 Why ask Me? Ask those who heard

Me what I said to them. They know what I said.”

Though His answer was full of wisdom and well suited for the question, yet one of the servants of the high priest rushed up with raised hand and struck the face of Jesus, saying: Is this the way you answer the high priest? The Lord accepted this injury, *praying for the one who had inflicted it*; and holding Himself ready, if necessary, to turn and offer the other cheek for a second strike, according to the doctrine He had Himself taught. But in order that His offender might not shamelessly boast of his wickedness, the Lord replied with great tranquility and meekness: *“If I have spoken evil, give testimony of the evil; if not, why do you strike Me?”* By this humble reply, the wickedness of the servant stood reprimanded. Yet neither the shame of this reprimand moved either the servant or the Jews to moderate their conduct towards Him.

Jn 18:22 When He had said this, one of the Temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, “Is this the way you answer the high priest?”

18:23 Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike Me?”

Lam 3:30 Let Him offer His cheek to be struck, let Him be filled with disgrace.

Mt 5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

5:39 But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes

you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well.

Apostle Paul was presented a similar situation many years later, but he was not as calm as Jesus.

Act 23:1 And Paul, looking intently at the council, said, “Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience up to this day.”

23:2 And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.

23:3 Then Paul said to him, “God shall strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”

23:4 Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?”

23:5 And Paul said, “I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’”

Brothers, observe how Jesus responds to His attacker. He politely reprimands him. Notice the word politely. We can use this example when dealing with the arrogance of others.

Peter Denies The Lord The First Time.

While this injustice against Jesus was going on, Peter and John arrived at the house of Annas. John was well known there and readily obtained entrance, while Peter remained outside. Afterwards the servant maid, who was an acquaintance of John, allowed Peter to enter as well. The two disciples remained

in the courtyard next to the court-hall of the priest. Peter approached the fire, which the soldiers had built, on account of the coldness of the night. The servant maid, on closer inspection, noticed Peter's depression. Coming up to him she recognized him as a disciple of Jesus, and said: "Are you not a disciple of this Man?" The question was asked by the maid with an air of contempt and discredit. Peter overcome by fear, he answered: "I am not His disciple." Having given this answer, he slipped away to avoid further conversation, and left the premises.

Lk 22:54 After arresting Jesus they led Him away and took Him into the house of the high priest (Annas); Peter was following at a distance.

22:55 They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them.

22:56 When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with Him."

22:57 But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."



Jn 18:15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple

was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus.

18:16 But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in.

18:17 Then *the maid who was the gatekeeper* said to Peter, "You are not one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

18:18 Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

Mk 14:66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along.

14:67 Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

14:68 But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." So he went out into the outer court. (Then the cock crowed.)

Mt 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

26:70 But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!"

Brothers, the denial of Peter caused a deep pain within Christ's heart. *Peter's sin was directly opposed to His immense love.*

Words Of Wisdom From Our Holy Mother.

My dear daughter, (Mother Mary speaking to Mary of Agreda) on account of the enlightenment you have received concerning the hidden truths of the sufferings of My Son and of Myself for the human race, you are now expected to do great deeds. This world and all the faithful in it are in such a dangerous and dreadful state of carelessness, when they have the Passion and Death of My Son before their eyes. I tell you truly, only My intercession *and the merits of My Son, which I offer to the Father*, can delay the punishment and satisfy His anger. But I am much aroused *to find so few who condole with Me and try to console My Son in His sorrows*. This hardness of heart will cause great confusion to men on the Day of judgment; since they will then see with unending sorrow, not only that they were ungrateful, but inhuman and cruel toward My Son, toward Me and toward themselves.

Consider then Your duty, and raise yourself above all earthly things and above yourself. For I am calling you and choose you to imitate and follow Me into the isolation. Weigh in your heart, how much it cost Jesus since He experienced the consequences of all sin. *Weep and afflict* yourself that so many should live in such forgetfulness and that so many should labor with all their might at destroying and losing what was bought by My Son's Passion. *Awaken in your hearts the deepest grief*, that in His holy Catholic Church there should be many

followers who imitate the Pharisees, under cover of a false piety, still condemn Christ. Take notice how arrogance and other serious vices are raised to authority and exalted, while humility, truth, justice and all virtues be so oppressed and avarice and vanity should triumph. Few know the poverty of Christ, and fewer embrace it. Holy love is blocked and is not spread among the nations on account of the ambition of the powerful of this earth. *In many Catholics it is inactive and dead*; and whatever should be living, is near to death. The counsels of the Gospel are forgotten, its laws stepped under foot, charity almost extinct. My Son and true God offers His cheeks in patience and meekness to be buffeted and wounded. *Who pardons an insult for the sake of imitating Him?* Just the contrary is set up as law in this world, not only by the worldly, but by the very children of those that say they follow Jesus.

In recognizing these sins I desire that you imitate Me in what I did during the Passion and during My whole life, namely practice the virtues opposed to these sins. (Returning good for evil.) As a repayment for their blasphemies, I blessed God. For their curses, I praised Him. For their unbelief, I made acts of belief, and so for all the rest of the sins committed. This is what I desire you to do while living in this world. I remind you, *that there is no exercise more profitable and useful for the soul than to suffer with My Son*. For suffering gives light, undeceives, detaches the heart from visible things and raises it up to the Lord. He will come to meet those

in suffering, because He is with the afflicted and sends to them His protection and help.

My daughter, I look with special love upon those who contemplate our sorrow and afflict themselves on account of the damnation of so many souls. Seek, My dear to distinguish yourself in this exercise and continue to intercede. For you can hardly imagine how different you shall become.

Jesus Moved To The House of Caiaphas.

After Jesus had been thus insulted and struck in the house of Annas, He was sent, bound with chains to the priest Caiaphas, the son-in-law of Annas, who in that year held as the high priest. Along with Caiaphas were gathered the scribes and distinguished men of the Jews. The high priests and the other Jews broke out in loud laughter when they saw Jesus.

Jn 18:24 Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Mt 26:57 Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.

The meekest Lord showed no excessive movement, or any sign of complaint, or any moaning, nor the least attempt at human relief. How different were the thoughts of Christ from those of His enemies. Jesus offered to us the example of His meekness and humility in opposition to sin. He prayed for the

priests, the scribes and servants; Jesus, as our teacher, presented His patience and suffering in the face of persecutions.

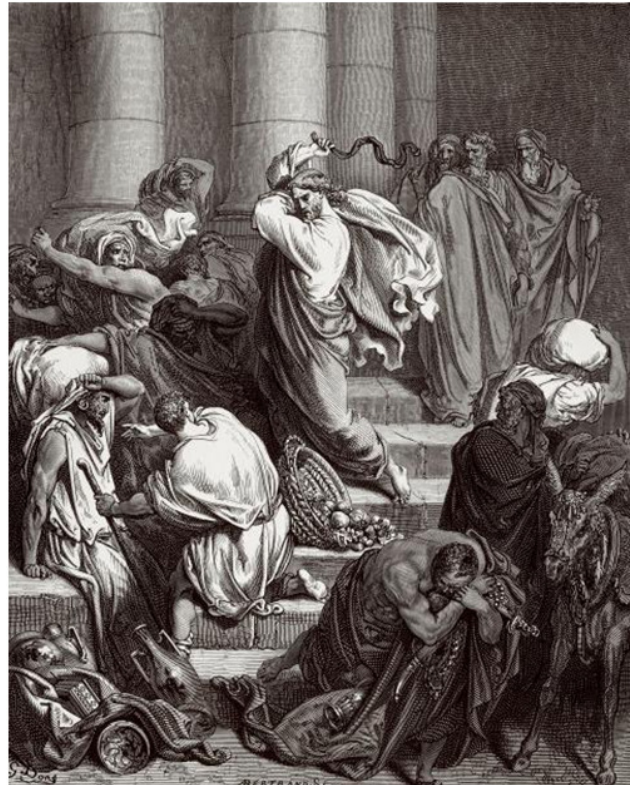
Brothers, realize this, God gives us our emotions. When an event occurs, God gives us an emotion that matches the event. This same rule applies to Jesus as well. The reason why He is so meek when faced with such arrogance He daily experienced the sorrows of mankind. The greatest of these sorrows is suicide. What I'm trying to say to you is this; Jesus was deeply moved by all the suicides. And this caused Him to be overwhelmed with grief for others. The physical pain that was inflicted upon Him was actually far less intense than the pain He experienced reliving man's suicidal depressions. Jesus was actually more concerned about his executioner's future pain than His own present pain. We can achieve something of this meekness, if we suffer with Jesus. We begin to see the pain of those that have and will fail their Final Tests, thus our thoughts will turn from ourselves and see others in a new light. Again I say, when we suffer with Jesus, our thoughts move away from ourselves and we recognize the future suicidal pains of the damned. When we are confronted with evil, our mind is thinking of the one who is attacking us and we return good for evil. On the other hand, if our thoughts remain attached to ourselves, and when we are confronted with evil, our emotion will return evil for evil. Every emotion we have matches the event. So take my advice and turn your thoughts to the pains of Jesus. And when an event happens, we will have the proper emotion to return good for evil.

The same prayer and petition was sent up at the same by His Mother, for Her enemies and the enemies of Her Son, thus following and imitating the Lord in all Her actions.

Lucifer and his fellow demons were astounded at Christ's patience and meekness. They were filled with confusion and fury so great as no words can describe. Thus he redoubled his efforts to irritate the scribes against Jesus.

The high priest Caiaphas, filled with envy and hatred against Jesus, was seated in his chair of authority. The scribes and Pharisees, like bloodthirsty wolves, surrounded the gentle Lamb. By common consent they sought for witnesses, whom they could bribe to bring false testimonies against Jesus. Those that had been obtained, their accusations neither agreed with each other, nor could any of their slander be made to apply to Him. In order *not* to be foiled, they brought *two* other false witnesses, who said, that they had heard Jesus say, He could destroy the Temple of God made by the hands of men, and build up another one in three days, not made by them. This testimony did not seem to be of much value, though they founded upon it the accusation, that He claimed to Himself Divine power. But the testimony was false; since the Lord had not said these words in reference to the material Temple of God, as the witnesses wished to impart. Jesus had said this when He expelled the buyers and sellers from the Temple. (This occurred on Palm Sunday five days

earlier.) At the time this occurred, the Jews asked Him; "What sign can you show us for doing this?" And Jesus answered: "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up."



Jesus expels the money changers at Temple.

Mt 26:59 The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death,
 26:60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally *two* came forward
 26:61 who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the Temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'"

Brothers, Scripture informs us that two false witnesses came forward to testify against Jesus. Spiritually the two witnesses represent the false prophet and the beast with the seven heads. They do

not exist as creatures, but rather they are the spirits that God bestows on those that violate the Natural Law. The beast with the seven heads represent the spirits of arrogance, anger, envy, spiritual laziness, lust, excessive wealth, and excessive pleasure.

Mk 14:55 The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death, but they found none.

14:56 Many gave false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree.

14:57 Some took the stand and testified falsely against Him, alleging,

14:58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this Temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"

14:59 Even so their testimony did not agree.

Ps 35:11 Malicious witnesses come forward; accuse Me of things I do not know.

Ps 109:2 for wicked and treacherous mouths attack Me. They speak against Me with lying tongues;

109:3 with hateful words they surround Me, attacking Me without cause.

The Mystery of Three Days.

Jn 2:18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?"

2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in **three days** I will raise it up."

2:20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His Body.

2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

- 1) "Destroy this **temple**, and in three days I will raise it up". In the Epistles, Saint Paul makes known to us that we are **temples** of God and that Jesus is in us. However sin destroys this **temple**. The point to be made is this, when Jesus speaks about the destruction of this temple, He is speaking of how His Spirit no longer has a home in our souls. Jesus is not talking about the Temple built by King Herod, the king that killed the children at Bethlehem. Mt (2 :16)



It is speculated that the Temple looked like this model.

- 2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. **Do you not realize that Jesus**

Christ is in you?—unless, of course, you fail the Test.

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and *that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

Col 2:9 In Christ the fullness of God resides in bodily form. *Yours is a share of this fullness, in Him.*

Let's take a closer look at three days. The following relationship can be made. *Three days represents a journey. And this journey will take us to the "truth".* If our goal is the truth, the three powers of our soul, memory, understanding and heart are the powers given to us to make this journey. But lets first talk about the "lie". The devil does everything it can to promote the "lie". And the "lie" is this; our passions and appetites give us a reason to live. It must be said that our passions and appetites give us a reason to live for a "day" but not for eternity. On the other hand, we have the truth. And the truth is this, we need to be loved by Jesus and we must appreciate His love.

Scripture likens our lives as six days (A journey.) and the seventh is the Final Test. (Final Test occurs on the day we physically die.) As we all know by experience, it's easy to destroy our *temples* with sin. However, God is merciful and allows us a period of following the lie.

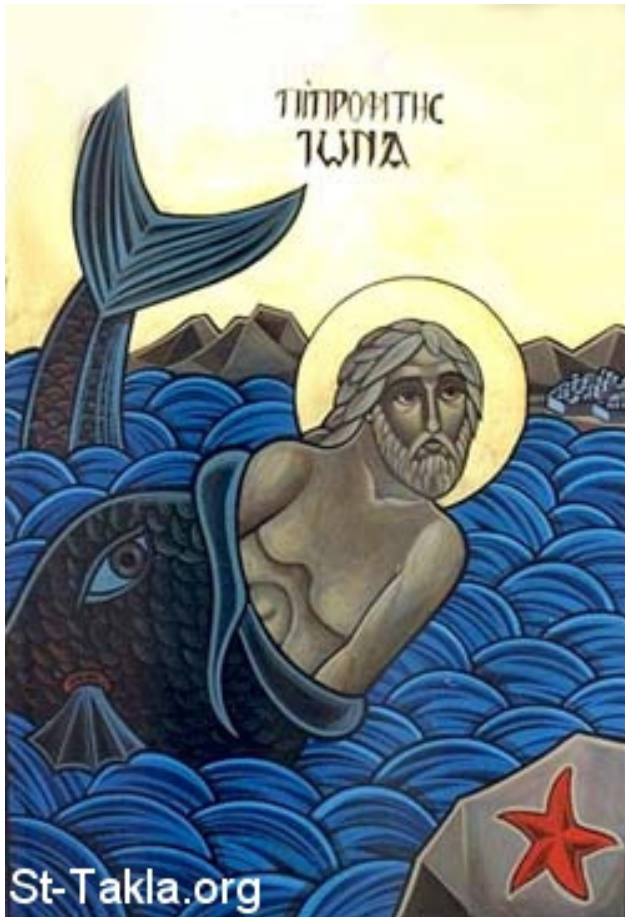
Rom 11:32 For God delivered all to disobedience, that He might have mercy upon all.

We however must become like Jonah. Jonah came to the realization and conclusion, using three powers of his soul, that he was heading to his destruction. (In the belly of the fish for three days.) This is so important that I say it again, *when a soul comes to the conclusion that it's heading in the wrong direction, the soul does this by using the three powers of its soul.* Scripture likens this to a journey, symbolized by three days. And this three-day journey represents the first three days of the week. In other words, decision making is a journey. Coming to a solution to a problem, making choices, all can be described as a journey.

Jon 2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,
2:2 saying, "I called to the LORD, out of my distress, and He answered me; out of the belly of Sheol (Sheol is the where our Final Tests will occur.) I cried, and You did hear my voice.

2:3 For You did cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood was round about me; all Your waves and Your great waves passed over me.

2:4 Then I said, 'I am cast out from Your presence; how shall I again look upon Your holy Temple?'



Notice how Jonah understands he will lose the presence of God by stating "how shall I again look upon Your holy Temple"?

But countless numbers of people think they can find happiness here. And thus never see the lie about their passions and appetites. (Dopamine) How sad, they will never come to appreciate how Jesus took upon the sorrows of humanity.

Jonah cried out for God's help while trapped in the belly of the fish, in the same way a soul must cry out to Jesus to rebuild it's **temple**. But Jesus requires our cooperation. First we must acknowledge the lie using the three powers of our soul. Again the lie is this: To see that our passions and appetites will not give us a

reason to live forever. Second, we need to be loved by Jesus and we must appreciate His love. This second requirement takes three days and can be likened to another three-day journey. (The "journey" requires the three parts of the soul, memory, understanding, and heart.) Let me explain, if we use the three powers of our being to study and contemplate the actions of Jesus, He has promised His Spirit will dwell within us. 1 Pet (4:1) Thus it can be said our **temples** have been rebuilt which were earlier destroyed by our sins.

Take my advice and heed the warning, "few enter the narrow gate". Mt (7:13) Thus men will fail to see themselves in the belly of the fish and under great trial commit suicide at their Final Tests.

Those that pass through the narrow gate will have a true appreciation for the sorrows of Jesus. The 144,000 cooperated with Jesus, and their **temples** were rebuilt during the daytime of life. The rest of the elect require purgatory to rebuild their **temples**. Thus everyone except the 144,000 failed during the daytime of life to appreciate the Passion of Christ, and are required make this three-day journey in purgatory.

The purpose of our temples is to be the home of the emotions and thoughts of Jesus. (The Seven Spirits of God.)

When Jesus says, "Destroy this temple", He is speaking about our souls within us. When He says, "And in three days I will raise it up", He means He will teach us to use our three powers, memory,

understanding and heart, to appreciate His Passion.

Questions.

- 1) The soldiers arrested Jesus and brought Him first to a man named _____ and later they brought Jesus to Caiaphas.
- 2) Annas asked Jesus about His disciples and about His doctrine. Jesus answered by saying He had spoken openly to the Jews at the Temple and synagogues and that Annas should ask them. What happened to Jesus right after He gave His answer?
- 3) Saint Paul years later was going to be struck on the face; how did he react?
- 4) Where did Peter deny Jesus the first time and who did Peter say this too?
- 5) The Mother of Jesus would intercede in pray to the Father using the _____ of Jesus.
- 6) When Jesus was slapped in the face, this is our example on how to pardon an _____.
- 7) The physical pain that was inflicted upon Jesus was actually far less intense than the pain He experienced reliving man's _____. Jesus was actually more concerned about his executioner's future pain than His own _____ pain.
- 8) When we suffer with Jesus, our thoughts move away from ourselves and we recognize the future _____ pains of the damned.
- 9) Lucifer and his fellow demons were astounded at Christ's patience and _____.
- 10) When Jesus was arrested on Good Thursday, five days earlier Jesus expelled the buyers and sellers from the Temple. This occurred on _____. The Jews said to Jesus, "What ____ can you show us for doing this"? Jesus answered them by saying: "Destroy this _____ and in three days I will raise it up".
- 11) How many years did it take to build the Temple? When Jesus said I will rebuild it in _____ days, they thought He was crazy.
- 12) Who wrote: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"
- 13) When Jesus speaks about the destruction of this temple, He is speaking of how His _____ no longer has a _____ in our souls.
- 14) Three days represents a _____. And this _____ will take us to the "truth". The three powers of our soul, _____, _____, and _____ are given to us to make this _____.
- 15) Our passions and appetites caused by the dopamine will keep us from our journey to the truth. We need a three

day journey to see the lie. We need a second three day journey to understand the truth. We use our _____ for this journey, which has three parts, memory, understanding and heart.

- 16) Jonah in the belly of the fish represents the 3 day journey to see the lie. And the "lie" is this; our passions and appetites give us a reason to _____.
- 17) It must be said that our passions and appetites give us a reason to live for a "day" but not for _____.
- 18) If we want eternal life, we need a second three day journey in order to appreciate how Jesus loved us. We must use the three powers of our soul to study and contemplate the _____ of Jesus.
- 19) The 144,000 cooperated with Jesus, and their *temples* were _____ during the daytime of life. The rest of the elect require _____ to rebuild their *temples*.
- 20) The purpose of our temples is to be the home of the _____ and thoughts of Jesus. (The Seven Spirits of God.)
- 21) When Jesus says, "Destroy this temple", He is speaking about our souls within us. When He says, "And in three days I will raise it up", He means He will _____ us to use our three powers, memory, understanding and heart, to appreciate His Passion.

Jesus Answered Not.

Jesus answered not a word to all the lies. Caiaphas, provoked by the patience and silence of Jesus, rose up in his seat and said to Him: "Why do you not answer to what so many witnesses testify against You? But even to this the Lord made no response. For Caiaphas and the rest were not only unwillingly to believe Him; but they treacherously wished to make use of His answer in order to convict Him. They did this so that they might not be thought to have condemned Him to death without cause. Our Lord's silence only infuriated Caiaphas so much the more because it frustrated his evil purpose. Stirred in his fury, Caiaphas in the highest pitch of rage and asked in great wrath and arrogance: "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?"

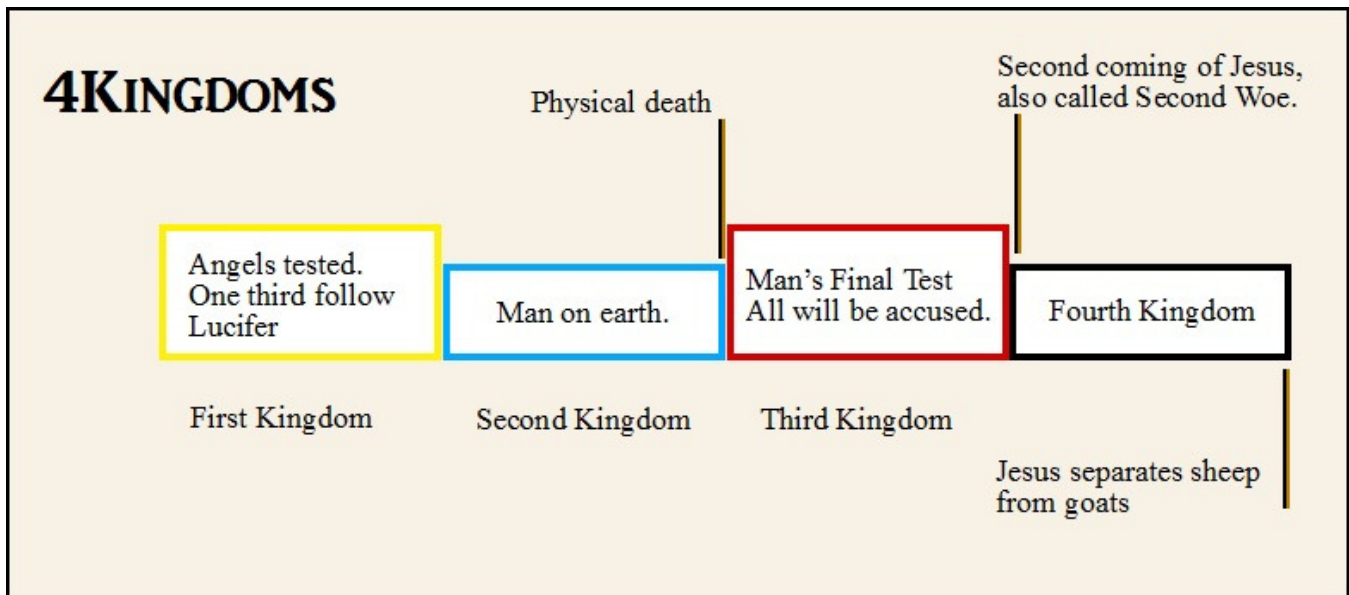
Jesus, out of reverence for the Name of God, He therefore answered: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" (Refers to the Second Woe.)

Coming With The Clouds. (Second Woe.)

An explanation is needed to described what Jesus meant when He told the high priest; "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven". Jesus is speaking about His Second coming. After every man has lived here upon the earth, and then died and then been tested at his Final Test, Jesus will return to take

revenge against our accusers. The next verse from the Book of Revelation reveals the details of Jesus coming with the clouds of heaven. This event has two names and occurs at the start of the Fourth Kingdom.

- 1) Second coming of Christ.
- 2) Second Woe.



Rev 19:11 Then I (Apostle John) saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True, (Jesus) and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

19:12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a Name inscribed, which no one knows but Himself.

19:13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in Blood, and the Name by which He is called is The Word of God.

19:14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, followed Him on white horses.

19:15 From His mouth issues a sharp sword with which to smite the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; He will

tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

19:16 On His robe and on His thigh He has a name inscribed, King of kings and Lord of lords.

- 1) "Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse". In the Book of Proverbs, the horse is a symbol of war. Prv (21:31) We must remember that the Scripture was written before guns and tanks. Horses a major part of fighting wars. The color white represents purity. Dan (12:10) & Is (1:18) By combining these two definitions its possible to conclude that the

"white horse" means that war is justified and pure.

- 2) "He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True". This line represents Jesus.



- 3) "And in righteousness He judges and makes war". In the Book of Ecclesiastes it says: "For everything there is a season and a time". Eccl (3:1) And it says, there is a time to hate; a time for war. Eccl (3:8) Scripture calls this event the

Second Woe. Rev (9:12) On this Day, Jesus will take His revenge against our accusers.

- 4) "His eyes are like a flame of fire". A man's eyes can reveal a man's interior emotions such as anger. Fire is a symbol of anger.



- 5) "On His head are many crowns". His crowns are love, obedience, justice, patience, perseverance, humility, and prudence.

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS.



Love

Jesus recorded the sorrows of every man.



Obedience and Justice.

Jesus was obedient to the Father by drinking from the cup. Justice was fulfilled because all men deserved to be loved.



Patience and Perseverance

Jesus was like a lamb that offered no resistance during His Passion.



Humility

Jesus did not come like a king to be served. He came as a teacher to show us how to love one another.



Prudence

Jesus was never careless in His speech or in His actions.

- 6) "He has a Name inscribed which no one knows but Himself". Jesus is the only soul that has experienced everyman's sorrow.
- 7) "He is clothed in a robe dipped in Blood". The Blood on His robe is His Blood. Obviously the human body needs blood to flow through its veins in order to live. If the body loses its blood it will die. During Jesus Passion, the sins of every man became His and the pain caused by these sins penetrated the three powers of His Soul. And this darkness caused Jesus to be tempted with suicidal depression. In other words, Jesus tasted death. Heb (2:9) Such is the condition when the Soul of Jesus experienced the total sum of everyman's sorrow. The Blood that was spilled represents His temptation with suicidal depression.

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the Angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might *taste death* for every one.



- 8) "And the armies of heaven". There are two armies, the 144,000 and the Holy Angels.
- 9) Arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, followed Him on white horses. When a man returns good for evil this is called virtue, and represents clothing. Rev (19:8) White

represents purity and horses represent war.

- 10) "From His mouth issues a sharp sword with which to smite the nations". The nations are the nations of hell. There are six nations, anger, envy, spiritual laziness, lust, excessive wealth and excessive pleasure. During life, the damned committed many different kinds of sins, but one of the six they excelled at. For example, if a man committed more sins as a thief compared to his other sins, that man is considered a member of excessive wealth. His lust for wealth caused him to reject the Natural Law and God from his soul.

Mt 7:12 So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. (Called the Natural Law or Golden Rule.)

The six deadly nations are the same as the seven deadly spirits, with arrogance as the missing spirit. (Arrogance, anger, envy, spiritual laziness, lust, excessive wealth and excessive pleasure.) The point to be made is this; each soul in hell is assign to one of the six deadly nations, with each possessing the seven deadly spirits. The reason why there is no nation of arrogance is because the beginning of all sin is arrogance. Arrogance is the gateway to suicidal depression. Every soul in

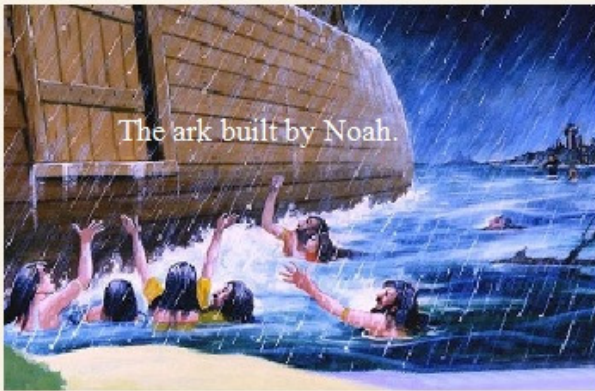
hell has this in common while there actual sins are different.

Jesus coming on the clouds or called the Second Coming or Second Woe will occur after every soul has gone through the Final Test. Jesus and His armies will come with the sword. This sword is described as coming from their mouths. It says in Scripture, "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" says the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau". Mal (1:2) & Rom (9:13) For you must understand how Esau hated his brother Jacob and wanted to do him harm. This story represents how our accusers will hate us and they will cause most men to fall into suicidal depression. Jesus will say "I hate you for shedding each other's blood. I regret having made you". Gn (6:6) Nothing is more painful than to hear that the God that created you hates you. It can be liken to parent that says to their children 'I hate you'. Truly there is no greater pain than this and that it why it's called a woe. (The word woe is defined as "to express strong feeling of surprise".)

On this Day called the Second Coming and Second Woe, the three powers of the damned will clearly understand how God their Creator hates their crimes. Nothing is darker than to experience God's revenge. On this Day the elect in purgatory are witnesses in the same way Noah was a witness to

the flood against the people. Thus Scripture likens the Ark that Noah built as purgatory.

SECOND COMING OF JESUS.



Noah and his family represents a person in Purgatory.

The Rain falling from the Sky represents Jesus and His two armies taking revenge against our accusers.

The people drowning represent our accusers.

The elect in purgatory must witness the Second Coming of Christ (Second Woe) to understand how their own personal sins contributed to the damned. And this why purgatory is described as painful because souls must see how their sins contributed to the damnation of so many men.

When Second Coming of Christ occurs, we will be in one of the following three places.

- 1) The damned.
 - 2) In Purgatory.
 - 3) A member of the 144,000.
- 11) "He will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty". The wine press found here upon the earth does an incredible job of squeezing the

juice from the grape. In the same way as the juice is squeezed from the grape, the will to live will be squeezed out from our accusers.



And Scripture likens this to their blood being squeezed out. This is only

an analogy since our accusers do not have their bodies. We must understand, the souls in hell desire non-existence. But as accusers, the deadly spirit of revenge is in their spirits and this emotion gives them a reason to "live". Their joy is to inflict suicidal depression upon each soul as it enters into their Final Tests. But once every man has passed through his Final Test and after Jesus and His armies inflict heaven's revenge "We hate you", our accusers have nothing to live for. As I said, their source of "life" was revenge, and now it's gone, thus this condition is represented as blood squeezed out.

Brothers, when Jesus says, "From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven'", Jesus is foretelling the fate of the high priest Caiaphas. This will occur to him during the Fourth Kingdom, the Second coming or Second Woe. In other words, during the rest of Caiaphas life, he would never repent of his sins, and Jesus knew this and stated Caiaphas future damnation.

Jesus said "I will come with the clouds of heaven", what does Jesus mean by "clouds"? The answer can be found in the Epistle of Hebrews. Saint Paul the author of Hebrews writes about the faith of the Holy Ones in chapter 11. The first verse of chapter 12, Paul calls these Holy ones are a great cloud of witness. Thus the claim can be made that the "clouds" represent the 144,000.

Heb 11:39 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a *cloud of witnesses*, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Mk 14:60 The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, "Have You no answer? What are these men testifying against You?"

14:61 But He was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him and said to Him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

14:62 Then Jesus answered, "I am; and *'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'*" (Second Coming or Second Woe.)

14:63 At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses?"

Mt 26:62 The high priest rose and addressed Him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against You?"

26:63 But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

26:64 Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see *'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'*"

26:65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy;

26:66 what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!"

At Jesus answer, *"the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven"* Lucifer and the Pharisees were affected very differently. Lucifer and his demons could not bear what Jesus said; but immediately felt a superior force, which hurled them down into hell and oppressed them by the truth it contained. And they would not have dared to come again into the presence of Jesus, if God had not allowed them to fall again into doubts, whether this Man had really spoken the truth or had merely sought this means of freeing Himself from the hands of the Jews. This uncertainty gave them new courage and they came forth once more to the battlefield.

The high priest, acted very differently from the demons. Caiaphas was furious at the answer of the Lord, rose from his seat, and *tearing his garments* as an outward sign of his zeal for the honor of God, loudly cried out: *"He has blasphemed;* what further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, *"He deserves to die!"*

Brothers, in the Book of Leviticus it says a priest shall not tear his garments, but yet that is exactly what Caiaphas does. You see how Caiaphas is prophesying against himself?

Lv 21:10 *"The most exalted of the priests, upon whose head the anointing oil has been poured and who has been ordained to wear the special vestments, shall not bare his head or rend his garments.*

Hiding behind their emotions of *envy* and *hate*, they said Jesus deserved death according to the Law of Moses. (Old Testament laws.) He had made Himself the Son of God and this was blasphemy.

Brothers, notice how God the Father, through Moses, made blasphemy a sin deserving death. Other Old Testament sins deserved death as well, and this made many Jews cruel to one another. Instead of learning how to love one another through the Law, the Law had another effect and caused men to use the law to hide their envy and anger.

Questions

- 1) What did Jesus say to Caiaphas when Caiaphas asked Jesus "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One"?
- 2) When Jesus returns for His Second time, this event occurs in which Kingdom? Which Kingdom do men live upon the earth? After physical death, men enter into the _____ Kingdom called the _____ Test.
- 3) The horse is a symbol of _____. The color white represents _____. Thus the white horse means that _____ is justified and pure.
- 4) Jesus takes His revenge against our accusers on that day after every man has past through their Final Tests. This day has two names. What are they?

- 5) What book in Scripture says there is a time to hate and a time for war? This scripture verse is describing the event called Second _____ or the Second _____ of Jesus.
- 6) Fire can be a symbol of _____. The human eye reveals a man's interior _____.
- 7) On the head of Jesus He wears many Crowns. What Crown is Jesus wearing when Jesus drank from the cup? What Crown is Jesus wearing when He offers no resistance during His Passion?
- 8) His robe is dipped in Blood. Whose Blood is it? This represents how Jesus tasted death by experiencing the _____ emotions of the damned.
- 9) Name the two armies of heaven.
- 10) Fine clothing called linen and this represents a man's _____.
- 11) At Jesus Second Coming the Book of Revelation describes how a _____ comes from the mouth of Jesus. Jesus takes His revenge against our accusers by saying how He hated them. It says in Scripture how God loved Jacob and hated _____. God hates those who hate their brother. Thus our accusers will hear how God _____ them. Nothing is more painful than to hear that the God that created you _____ you. It can be likened to a parent that says to their children 'I _____ you'. Truly there is no greater pain than this and that is why it's called a woe.
- 12) The word woe means what?
- 13) When Jesus comes back for the second time, each of us will be in one of three places. We will either be the damned, or in _____ or a member of the _____.
- 14) The wine press is a device to squeeze the juice from the grape. God uses this device to describe what He will do to our accusers at the _____ of Jesus. Jesus will take His revenge by squeezing out their will to live. He does this by saying; "We _____ you".
- 15) Because Jesus knew that Caiaphas wouldn't repent of his sins, He spoke about how Caiaphas would see Him _____ on the _____ of _____.
- 16) Jesus said He would come with the clouds of heaven. In the Book of Hebrews the cloud is defined as witnesses. Thus the cloud represents the _____.
- 17) When Jesus said these words to Caiaphas about His coming on a cloud, Lucifer and the demons were hurled into _____.
- 18) When Jesus said these words to Caiaphas about His coming on a cloud, Caiaphas was furious and tore his _____.

God is "Terrible" and "Jealous".

Does humanity understand God's Justice? Scripture uses the word "terrible" when describing God. Caiaphas and most men will experience God's wrath after physical death.

Dt 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the **terrible God**, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

10:18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, (Sojourner means temporary resident.) giving him food and clothing.

10:19 Love the sojourner therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

10:20 You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cleave to Him, and by His Name you shall swear.

10:21 He is your praise; He is your God, who has done for you these great and **terrible things** which your eyes have seen.

10:22 Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven for multitude.

1) "Terrible things".

- a) God delivers the unfaithful and unremorseful sinner into the hands of satan at their Final Tests. (Called the First Woe. Rev (9:12))
- b) God punishes our accusers at Second Coming of Jesus. (Called the Second Woe. Rev (11:14))
- c) God punishes those damned at Final Judgment Mt (25:31) by

reuniting their bodies with their souls. (Called the Third Woe.)

Ps 47:2 For the LORD, the Most High, is **terrible**, a great king over all the earth.

47:3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

47:4 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.

Ps 66:3 Say to God, "**How terrible are Your deeds!** So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

66:4 All the earth worships You; they sing praises to You, sing praises to Your Name." [Selah]

66:5 Come and see what God has done: **He is terrible in His deeds among men.**

66:6 He turned the sea into dry land; men passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in Him,

66:7 who rules by His might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Scripture also uses the word "jealous" to describe God.

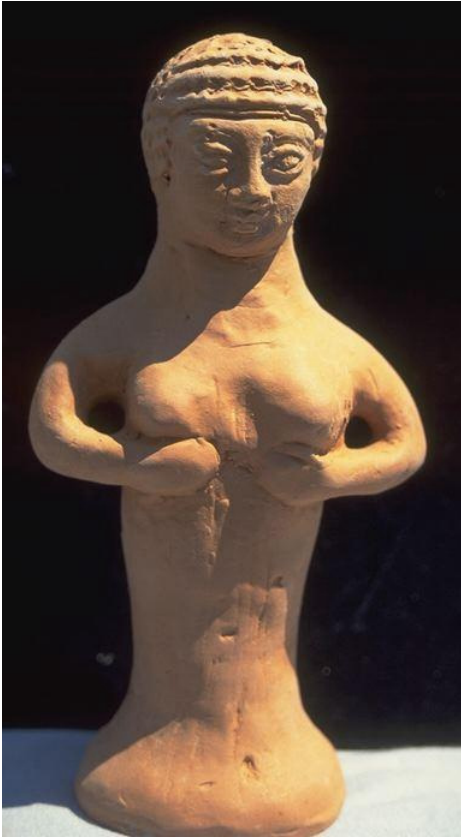
Ex 34:12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land of which you go, lest it become a snare in the midst of you.

34:13 You shall tear down their altars, and break their pillars, and cut down their Asherim

34:14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a **jealous God**)

- 1) An Asherah pole is a sacred tree or pole that stood near Canaanite religious locations to honor the

Ugaritic mother-goddess Asherah
(fertility).



Dt 4:23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant (promises) of the LORD your God, which He made with you, and make a graven image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you.

Dt 4:24 For the LORD your God is a devouring fire, *a jealous God*.

1) "Make a graven image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you". Any activity, thing or person can become a "god" in our lives. The purpose of life is to become disciples of Jesus.

Dt 6:14 You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who are round about you;

14:15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a *jealous God*; lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and He destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Nahum 1:2 The LORD is a *jealous God* and avenging, the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries and keeps wrath for His enemies.

1:3 The LORD is slow to anger and of great might, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.

Zephaniah 3:8 "Therefore wait for Me," says the LORD, "for the day when I arise as a witness. For My decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, (Second Coming of Jesus or called Second Woe.) to pour out upon them My indignation, all the heat of My anger; for in the fire of *My jealous wrath* all the earth shall be consumed.

Each man must recognize that the God the Father has written the Natural Law on all men's hearts. God the Father has also created dopamine in our brains. The dopamine is pleasing to our eyes, and thus we sin. God is Jealous when we choose the dopamine and reject the Natural Law and Written Laws. When sinners are unremorseful they become God's enemies and thus His terrible wrath will come.

Brothers, recognize the fact that God (Holy Trinity) does not have an ego and does not need our praises for any reasons. (An ego means having an inflated feelings of self worth that needs

to be praised.) God's purpose is for us to experience the emotions of charity, compassion and mercy. We require these emotions to live forever. For these emotions never grow old and these emotions were not created because these emotions have always existed in God. All human emotions are related to the dopamine that effects our brains. For instance, anger is a result when someone or something interferes with our dopamine. Take away something we love and the response is anger.

He is Guilty of Death!

Now continuing with our Lord's Passion, the Jews were greatly agitated by the Lord's answer and all exclaimed in a loud voice: "He is guilty of death, let Him die, let Him die"! In hateful fury they all fell upon Jesus and unloaded upon Him their wrath. *Some of them struck Him in the face, others kicked Him, others tore out His hair, others spat upon His face, and others slapped or struck Him in the neck.* Saint Luke and Saint Mark reveal to us that the Jews covered His face and then struck Him with their hands and fists saying: "Prophecy, prophecy to us, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" In the love in which Jesus suffered all these injuries, *His face shined forth in extraordinary beauty.* His executioners were seized with unbearable fear and shame. They sought to explain it by some sorcery or magic and decided to cover the face of the Lord with an unclean cloth, so that they might not be hindered and tormented by the Divine light.

All these reproaches and insults were seen and felt by our Holy Mother, causing in Her the same pains and wounds in the same parts of Her body. The only difference was, that in Christ the blows and torments were inflicted by the Jews, while in Mary they were caused by God at Her request.

Mk 14:64 You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned Him as deserving to die.

14:65 Some began to spit on Him. They covered His face and struck Him and said to Him, "Prophecy!" And the guards greeted Him with blows.

Lk 22:63 The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating Him.

22:64 They blindfolded Him and questioned Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck You?"

22:65 And they reviled Him in saying many other things against Him.



Is 50:6 I gave My back to those who beat Me, My cheeks to those who plucked My beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

I am tossed about by the storm. Jb (30:22) With a strong hand they buffet Me, Jb (30:21) and they do not hesitate to spit. Jb (30:10) They strike Me on the cheek

insultingly. Jb (16:10) But I am like the deaf, hearing nothing, like the dumb, saying nothing, I am become like a Man who neither hears nor has in His mouth a retort. Ps (38:15) Without respect they mocked Me. Ps (35:16) Without ceasing, they slander Me. Ps (35:15) With hateful words they surround Me, attacking Me without cause. Ps (109:3) I am indeed mocked; Jb (17:2) My portion in life is described as evil. Jb (17:5) Insult has broken My heart, and I am weak. Ps (69:21) ***"I have become weak, to win over the weak, in order to save at least some of them"***. 1 Cor (9:19)

Peter Denies The Lord The Second And Third Time.

Now, Peter had followed Jesus from the house of Annas to that of Caiaphas, although he took care to walk at some distance behind the crowd for fear that the Jews might seize him. He partly controlled this fear on account of his friendship he had for Jesus. Many people went in and out of the house of Caiaphas, it was not difficult for Peter to find entrance. At the gates of the courtyard a servant-maid of Caiaphas, noticed Peter. She immediately went up to the soldiers, who stood at the fire with him and said: "This man is one of those who were inhabit to accompany Jesus of Nazareth". One of the bystanders said: "You surely are a Galilean and one of them." Peter denied it and ***added an oath***, that he was not a disciple of Jesus, immediately leaving the company at the fire.

Jn 18:25 Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to

him, "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."

Lk 22:58 A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not."

Mt 26:71 As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazareth."

26:72 Again he denied it ***with an oath***, "I do not know the Man!" (An oath means swearword.)

Mk 14:69 The maid saw him and began ***again*** to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them."

14:70 ***Once again he denied it.***



After Peter denied the Lord the second time, he left the courtyard but yet didn't leave the neighborhood. His worldly love and compassion for the Lord still caused him to linger in the place. The Apostle moved about, sometimes nearer, sometimes farther from the hall for nearly an hour. Then a relative of Malchus, whose ear he had severed,

recognized him and said: "You are a Galilean and a disciple of Jesus; I saw you with Him in the Garden." Then Peter viewing himself discovered, was seized with great fear, and **he began to proclaim with oaths and cursing**, that he knew not the Man. Immediately the cock crowed the second time, fulfilling the prediction of Jesus, that he would deny Him three times before the cock crowed twice.

Mk 14:70 ... A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more, "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."

14:71 He began to **curse and to swear**, "I do not know this Man about whom you are talking."

14:72 And immediately a cock (rooster) crowed a second time.

Mt 26:73 A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." (Refers to his accent, he was a Galilean.)

26:74 At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the Man." And immediately a cock (rooster) crowed.

Lk 22:59 And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him; for he is a Galilean."

22:60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

22:61 **And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.** And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny Me three times."

22:62 **And he went out and wept bitterly.**

Jn 18:26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

18:27 Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.



Peter denies Jesus in His presence.

According to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is so close to Peter when he denies Jesus, **Jesus looks at Peter with great sadness.** (See drawing above.)

Peter simply denied the Lord at first, added an oath (swearword) to the second denial, and curses and swearing against the Lord at the third. Hence, from one sin, Peter fell into another greater one.

Behold and understand; **from one abyss (pit) to the next is the one who adds sin upon sin.** In the case of Peter, he denied the Lord the first time. The second time, Peter added additional firmness to his denial, and the third time he cursed and swore he didn't know the Man.

Brothers, think about it, a man who is in the habit of speaking the truth and never lies will not lie under duress. Lying is a

habit. Past sins always come back home.

Brothers, it's interesting how Apostle John was not tested in the same way as Peter. God the Father chose not to test John in this way.

Peter Breaks Down In Sorrow.

Immediately after his third denial, Peter left the house of the high priest, bursting into bitter tears over his sin. God moved the heart of Peter, and by means of the light sent to him, gently reproached him, urging him to acknowledge his fault and hate his sin. Peter went to a cave and poured out his sorrow in a flood of tears. Jesus sent Peter an Angel, who secretly consoled him and excited in him the hope of forgiveness, so that he might not delay in asking forgiveness. At the end of three hours he had obtained pardon for his crimes.

Lucifer was very anxious to destroy Peter. It was Lucifer that incited the two maids, and afterwards, the soldiers. He disturbed Peter by vivid imaginations of impending cruelty.

Brothers, for a sin to be hated, our desire would be to go back in time and change our actions. But since this can't occur, our hope relies on the Lord to undo the damage our sins have caused. True sorrow involves our tears and involves our time. If we have never cried over our sins, we have never hated our sins.

My son, all sins are forgiven, ***if only you know your guilt.*** Jer (3:13) I warn you, as I have warned you before, don't hide your

sins or bury your guilt. Jb (31:33) Do not say: "I am clean and without transgression; I am innocent; there is no guilt in me." Jb (33:9) Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven. Do not hold My kindness, forbearance, and patience in low esteem! Do you think that the kindness of God would lead you to repentance? Rom (2:4)

Mt 26:75 Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock (rooster) crows you will deny Me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

Mk 14:72 And immediately a cock (rooster) crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny Me three times." He broke down and wept.

The Rooster

A rooster or a cock is a male chicken while the female chicken is called a hen. Young male chickens of less than a year's age are called cockerels. The oldest term is "cock," from Old English. The term "rooster" originates from the United States, while in the United Kingdom and Ireland the older term "cockerel" is more widely used. In North America, Australia and New Zealand "rooster" is almost always used.

Certain words have come to be associated with the rooster. The following words have been used to

describe men in a negative way: arrogant, cocky, boastful, crowing, puffed-up, strutting and self applauding. This same description can be applied to Saint Peter. For you see Peter boasted three times that he would die with Jesus and not deny Him. But Jesus warned Peter that he would deny Him, but Peter maintained he wouldn't. It was fitting that God used the rooster (cock) to reveal Peter's denial's.



rooster

Questions

- 1) In the book of Deuteronomy and Psalms it says that God is "terrible". We must fully understand that God's deeds against men are terrible. God does three deeds against those that fail to repent. God delivers the unfaithful and _____ sinner into the hands of satan at their _____. This event is also called the First _____. God punishes our accusers at the Second Coming of _____. This day is also called the Second _____. God reunites the soul and body at the Final _____.
- 2) Scripture says that God is a jealous God. If we worship anything first, like any activity, thing or _____ we make God _____; and His anger will destroy us unless we repent.
- 3) Since God is a jealous God, we should have a Holy Fear of other gods. God warns us about His jealousy so that we will experience the emotions of _____, _____, and mercy. We need these emotions to _____ forever.
- 4) After Jesus foretold Caiaphas of his future when Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven,'" the Jews responded by saying, "He is guilty of _____".
- 5) Some began to spit on Jesus and they _____ His face and struck Him and said, "_____! Who is it the struck You"?
- 6) The maid who the first time questioned Peter at the house of Annas again questioned Peter at the house of _____. Peter denied Jesus again for the second time and left the courtyard but stayed close to the house. Then a relative of _____, whose ear Peter had cut off said to him, "Certainly this man also was with Him; for he is a _____." Seized with fear, Peter cursed and _____, "I do not know this Man about whom you are talking"

Immediately a rooster _____ a _____ time.

- 7) When Peter denied Jesus, Jesus _____ at Peter. And Peter remembered how Jesus warned him _____ times, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny Me _____ times".
- 8) What did Peter do after looking at the face of Jesus and hearing the rooster crow?
- 9) Peter simply denied Jesus at first, then denied Him again by swearing, and denied Jesus a third time with even more swearing. We must recognize how _____ will lead us down deeper each time into deeper _____.
- 10) A female chicken is called a hen and a male chicken is called a _____. A male chicken has been used to describe men that are cocky, boastful, puffed-up, strutting and _____. Peter boasted three times that he would _____ with Jesus. It was fitting that God used the rooster to reveal Peter's denials.

The Night Spent by Jesus in the Dungeon.

Already past midnight, the whole council resolved to lock Jesus in the subterranean dungeon below Caiaphas's house. Scarcely any light penetrated into this prison to dispel its darkness. It was filled with such uncleanness and stench, that it would have infected the whole house, if

it had not been so remote and so well enclosed. You see it hadn't been cleaned for many years, both because it was so deep down and only criminals were confined in it, for none thought it worthwhile making it more habitable, and so this place became unworthy of all human kindness.

God foretells Jesus being thrown into prison by the prophet Jeremiah; he likewise was thrown into a dungeon.

Jer 37:15 The princes were enraged, and had Jeremiah beaten and thrown into prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe, which they were using as a jail.

37:16 And so Jeremiah entered the vaulted dungeon, where he remained a long time.

The servants dragged the Lord to this polluted and subterranean dungeon. As Jesus was still bound with the chain and ropes, these men freely exercised all cruelty dragging Him forward by the ropes, causing Him to stumble. Having fallen on the ground, these men loaded upon Him their kicks and curses.

In one corner of the dungeon protruded part of a rock, which on account of its hardness had not been cut out. To this block protruding from the floor, they bound Jesus to it. These men forced the Lord in a most painful and torturing posture, so that He could neither seat nor stand upright for relief. Thus they left Him bound to the rock, closing the prison door with a key and giving it in charge of one of the most hateful of their number.

Now some of the servants decided to return to the dungeon to have some fun at

the Lord's expense. Going up to Him they began to violate Him with their spittle and rain blows upon Him with their fists. Jesus opened not His mouth or made any answer; He raised not His eyes or lost the humble serenity of His expression. Their motive was to try His patience, for they wished to drive Jesus to some ridiculous saying or action. When they witnessed His unchanging meekness, they allowed themselves to be incited still more. They untied Jesus from the stone block and placed Him in the middle of the dungeon, at the same time blindfolding Him with a cloth. They began to come up one after the other and strike Him with their fists, or slap or kick Him, each one trying to outdo the other. "Prophecy", they would say, "So who was it that struck You". The meekest Lamb silently accepted this flood of insults and curses.

Next these most hateful men decided to remove the Lord's clothes. But God's justice would not allow this indecency. Thus it happened that none of these men could execute their design. Their limbs became as it were frozen or paralyzed until they changed their intent. As soon as they abandoned their indecency, the use of their limbs would again be restored. Although these men saw themselves paralyzed and suddenly restored, they attributed it to the sorcery and magic of this Man Jesus. They continued to practice their insulting mockery and tortures until they noticed that the night had already far advanced. They again tied Jesus to the column and departed.

Friday Morning.

At the dawn of Friday morning, the chief priests and scribes, gathered together in order to come to a common decision concerning the death of Christ. This they all desired, but they were anxious to preserve the atmosphere of justice before the people. This council was held in the house of Caiaphas, where the Lord was imprisoned. Once more they commanded to have Jesus brought to them. The servants rushed to the dungeon below to drag Him forth bound and chained as He was. While they untied Him from the column, they mocked Him with great contempt saying: "Well now, Jesus of Nazareth, how little have your miracles helped to defend you. The power that you bragged, being able to rebuild the temple in three days, has failed altogether in securing your escape. But now you shall pay for your presumption and your proud aspirations. Come, the chief priests and the scribes are waiting for you. They shall put an end to you by delivering you over to Pilate, who will quickly finish you". Having freed Jesus from the rock they dragged Him up to the council. When the members of the council saw Jesus, they were filled with a sort of dreadful surprise. You see, the blows and the spittle, with which they had covered Jesus, *had so disfigured Him*; they were astonished. However this failed to soften their hearts or move them with compassion.

They again asked Him whether He was the Anointed. Just like all their previous questions, the priests and scribes were

not interested in finding any truth, but rather gather and produce a charge against Him. But the Lord, being perfectly willing to die for the truth, denied it not; at the same time He did not wish to confess it in such a manner that they could despise it, or encourage them to mistreat Him. ***For it is not fitting to place stumbling blocks before others.*** (Virtue of prudence.)

Lev 19:14 You shall not curse the deaf, or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but you shall fear your God. I am the LORD.

Therefore Jesus veiled His answer in such a way, that if the Pharisees chose to yield to even the least kindly feeling, they would be able to follow up the mystery hidden in His words. He therefore said to them: ***“If I tell you that I am He of whom you ask, you will not believe what I say; and if I shall ask you, you will not answer, nor release Me. But I tell you, that the Son of Man, after this, shall seat Himself at the right hand of the power of God”***. The priests answered: ***“Then you are the Son of God”***? And the Lord replied: ***“You say that I am”***. This was as if He had said: You have made a very correct statement, that I am the Son of God; for My works, My doctrines, and your own Scripture, testify to the fact, that I am the Christ, the One promised in the law.

Lk 22:66 When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought Him before their Sanhedrin.

22:67 They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us,” but He replied to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe,

22:68 and if I question, you will not respond.

22:69 But from this time on the ***Son of Man*** will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

22:70 They all asked, “Are you then the Son of God?” He replied to them, “You say that I am.”

Notice how Jesus calls Himself the Son of Man. But the Jews respond by asking Jesus if He is the Son of God. We must remember that the Pharisees and scribes considered themselves very educated in the law and prophets. Jn (7:49 & 7:52) They should have recognized the term "son of man" from the scriptures pertaining to Ezekiel. The Lord would call Ezekiel son of man. But the Jews were not interested in learning anything from Jesus answers, thus the Jews didn't respond by asking Jesus why He called Himself the "Son of Man".

Brothers, this is the second time Jesus tells the Jews that they will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the power of God. The first time occurred the night before in the presence of Caiaphas. Since the "son of man" also represents the 144,000, the 144,000 will be seated at the right hand of God.

My son; listen and understand; hate the sins but love the people. For it is not fitting to place stumbling blocks before others. Use gentle persuasion; be prudent on what you say. If you are clogged with any anger or hatred, your light cannot

shine.

Ps 39:2 I said, "I will watch my ways, lest I sin with my tongue; I will set a curb on my mouth."

39:3 Dumb and silent before the wicked, **I refrained from any rash speech.** (Applies especially for the elect when confronted by the armies of hell during Final Test.)

Prv 9:7 He who corrects an arrogant man earns insult;

9:8 Reprimand not an arrogant man, lest he hate you; counsel a wise man, and he will love you.

Sir 8:3 Dispute not with a man of railing speech; heap no wood upon his fire.

My son; be prudent in dealing with outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your speech always be gracious and in good taste, and strive to respond properly to all who address you.
Col (4:5)

2 Tim 2:23 Avoid foolish and ignorant debates, for you know that they breed quarrels.

2:24 A slave of the Lord should not quarrel, but should be gentle with everyone, able to teach,

2:25 **correcting opponents with kindness.**

It may be that God will grant them repentance that leads to knowledge of the truth.

My son, how can I minister to your brother if you become hardened when you deal with him?

Listen to what I am saying, you cannot argue with your brothers. You will do

more with acts of love and prayers. Pray constantly. It is your love that will fight the mightiest battle.

Continuing with our Lord's Passion, the hearts of the priests and scribes weren't disposed to hear the truth. They preferred to call the Lord's answer a blasphemy, deserving death. They all cried out: "What need have we of further witnesses, since He Himself agrees with it by His own lips"? And they immediately came to complete agreement that He should, as one worthy of death, be brought before Pontius Pilate, who governed Judea in the name of the Roman emperor.

Lk 22:71 Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from His own mouth."

Mk 15:1 As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate.

Mt 27:1 When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death.

27:2 They bound Him, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor.

According to the laws of the Roman Empire, capital punishment was reserved to the senate or the emperor and his representatives. Cases involving the taking away of life; wouldn't be decided without giving the accused a hearing and an opportunity for a defense. In these affairs of justice, the Roman people yielded to the requirements of natural

reason more faithfully than other nations. In regard to the trial of Christ, the priests and scribes were pleased with the prospect of having Pilate sentence Jesus to death, because they could then tell the people, that the Roman governor condemned him and that this certainly would not have happened if He were not guilty of death. To this extent had they been blinded by their sins and their hypocrisy, and failed to see how much more guilty they were than the gentile judge. But the Lord arranged it thus, in order that by their own behavior they might reveal all their wickedness more plainly. The executioners therefore brought our Savior to the house of Pilate, in order to present Him, still bound with the same chains and ropes in which they had taken Him from the garden. The city of Jerusalem was full of strangers, who had come from all parts of Israel to celebrate the Passover. (Passover was to begin at sundown that very day which was Friday.) The rumor of His arrest spread quickly because Jesus was well known to all of them. A great crowd gathered to see Him brought in chains through the streets. They were divided in their opinion concerning this Man Jesus; some of them shouted out: "Let Him die, let Him die, this wicked imposter, who deceives the whole world". Others answered: "His doctrines do not appear to be so bad, nor His works: for He has done good to many". Still others, who had believed in Him, were much afflicted and wept. The whole city was in confusion and uproar concerning the Nazarene.

Brothers, Lord is the beginning and end of all things. Make no mistake about it; our thoughts and feelings come from God. Notice how the people in Jerusalem were divided in their feelings. I assure you, those who lived by the Natural Law were moved to feel compassion, and those whose hearts were filled with sin desired Christ's death. Our spirits are determined by how we lived yesterday.

On Friday morning, the Most Holy Mother, who knew by Divine light all the events that were happening to Her Son, resolved to leave the Cenacle and follow Him to the house of Pilate and then to His death on the Cross. When Mary was about to leave, John arrived.

From the night before, after the denial of Peter, John observed from afar what happened. Recognizing he had sinned when he took flight, he confessed it to the Mother of God and asked Her pardon. Then he gave an account of all that passed in his heart, what he had done and what he had seen in following Jesus. John thought it well to prepare the afflicted Mother for Her meeting with Her Son. Therefore he sought to influence Her beforehand with some image of His sufferings by saying: "O my Lady, in what a state of suffering is our Divine Master! The sight of Him cannot but break one's heart; for by the punches and the blows and by the spittle, His most beautiful face is so disfigured and soiled, that you will scarcely recognize Him". The most prudent Lady listened to his description and broke out in bitter tears. The women, who were with the Blessed Mother, also listened to

John, and all of them were filled with grief and terror at his words. The Mother of Jesus asked the Apostle to accompany Her and the other women to the house of Pilate and She said: **“Let us quickly leave and see the Son of the eternal Father, who took human form in My womb. You shall see, My dearest friends, the love He has for mankind, and what it costs Him to redeem men from sin and death, and to open for them the gates of heaven”**.

The Blessed Virgin set forth through the streets of Jerusalem accompanied by John and by some pious women. On the streets She heard the people expressing their various opinions and beliefs concerning Jesus of Nazareth. Those with a kind heart grieved over His fate, and they were fewest in number. Others spoke about the intention of His enemies to crucify Him; others related where He was and how He was lead through the streets, bound as a criminal. Others spoke of all the injuries He was undergoing; others asked; what evil has He done that He should be so abused. Others again in their astonishment and in their doubts, said: “What has His miracles brought Him! Without a doubt His miracles were fake, since He can’t defend or free Himself!

Brothers, a man who seeks only himself, cannot understand how the creator of all things could allow Himself to be treated in this manner. So they determined erroneously that this Man was an imposter, deserving death. As Scripture warns us, “His ways are not your ways. For as high as the sky is above the earth

is His thoughts above your thoughts”. Is (55:9)

All the streets and squares were full of people. But in the midst of this excitement, the Blessed Virgin preserved Her composure, praying for the unbelievers and the evildoers. She loved them as sincerely as if She were receiving favors and blessings at their hands. She permitted no anger to enter in Her heart or show any sign of anger in Her exterior conduct against Her Son’s enemies. All of them She looked upon with charity and the desire of doing them good.

Brothers, as I said earlier, when a soul sees the future outcome of a soul, and understands how that soul will eventually seek suicide, it will feel an extreme compassion for that soul, even if that soul is causing pain.

My son, love your enemies, pray for your persecutors; this will prove that you are sons of your Heavenly Father. Mt (5:45)

My son, it’s easy to be kind to those who are kind to you, but to be kind, very kind for the love of Me, to those who make you suffer, is really to belong to My family.

Some of the people recognized Mary as the Mother of Jesus and moved by their natural compassion, said: “O sorrowful Mother! What a misfortune has overtaken You! How must your heart be wounded with grief”! Others, however, without respect said: “Why did you permit Him to introduce such doctrines among the people? It would have been

better to discourage and prevent Him; but this will be a warning for other mothers, and they will learn from your misfortunes". These and other more horrible feelings were expressed in the hearing of this sincerest Mother. She accepted the pity of the kind-hearted, and suffered the injury of the unbelievers, each with burning charity. She was not surprised at the ingratitude of the ignorant, but asked the Father to impart suitable blessings to all.

Through the chaos of the crowds, She meets Her Most Holy Son, who was led by His executioners to Pilate's house. With a deep reverence and adoration, Mary stretched Herself out on the ground before Him. She arose and then the Mother and Son looked upon each other with indefinable tenderness. The most prudent Lady stepped aside and then followed Christ, continuing at a distance She prayed to the Father saying: **"Most high God and My Son, I am aware of Your burning love for men, which leads You to hide your infinite power underneath Your flesh, formed in My womb. I confess Your wisdom, beyond reach of the human mind, in accepting such insults and torments, and in sacrificing Yourself, who is the Lord of all creation, for the rescue of man. Your goodness is to be praised, blessed, confessed and celebrated by all men. With what sorrow is My heart filled to behold Your afflicted face. When I see that You have been denied pity and compassion in such bitter sufferings, accept My sorrowful sacrifice. My hearts desire is to bring You the relief which is due to the true and Holy Son of God"**.

The image of Her Son, thus wounded, defiled and bound, remained so firmly fixed and imprinted in the soul of Mary, that during the rest of Her life it was never erased, and remained in Her mind as distinctly, as if She were continually beholding Him with Her own eyes.

Questions

- 1) The Jews locked Jesus in a dungeon below the house of _____.
- 2) This dungeon was below ground and hadn't been cleaned for many years and thus was very unclean and smelled badly. They chained Jesus to a rock in the dungeon and He wasn't able to stand nor _____.
- 3) The guards blinded folded Jesus and stroke Him with their fists and cried out to Him "who struck You". But Jesus remained silent and was meek as a _____.
- 4) The guards tried to remove Jesus' clothes, what happened to them?
- 5) On Friday morning the Jews brought Jesus to chief priests and scribes. When the council saw Jesus they were surprised to see Jesus disfigured from the blows and the spittle. Were their hearts moved with compassion?
- 6) When the Jews asked Jesus questions they were not interested in knowing the _____, but only gather and produce evidence that He deserves

death. They asked Him, "If you are the _____, tell us".

- 7) Jesus didn't call Himself Son of God but He called Himself Son of _____. The Pharisees should have recognized this from the Scriptures pertaining to _____.
- 8) In the Book of Proverbs it says "He who corrects an arrogant man earns _____; Reprimand not an arrogant man, lest he _____ you; counsel a _____ man, and he will _____ you.
- 9) As Jesus was being lead from the house of Caiaphas to Pilate, the city was divided in their opinion of Jesus. The Jews who failed to live by the Natural Law were the ones who had no compassion and shouted out "Let Him _____".
- 10) The Mother of Jesus permitted no anger to enter in Her heart or show any sign of anger in Her actions against the Jews. All of them She looked upon with _____ and the desire of doing them good.
- 11) The image of Her Son, thus wounded, defiled and bound, remained so firmly fixed and imprinted in the soul of Mary, that during the rest of Her life it was never _____, and remained in Her mind as distinctly, as if She were continually beholding Him with Her own eyes.