

Eternal Love

As believers, we are all familiar with the meaning of the Cross and over the next few days, many of us will look more closely at the cross than we normally do. The last week of Christ's life is often referred to as Passion Week, Holy Week or Easter Week. Passion Week is a time to reflect, and remember the events of Jesus between Palm Sunday and His resurrection

For many believers, this is always a special time of year where we celebrate significance of what Jesus did for us accumulating with His death and victorious resurrection. The scriptures that cover the last week of Jesus Christ's life make up about one-third of the record of the Gospels. Jesus fulfilled every aspect of the Old Testament sacrificial system. He became the once-for-all offering for our sins (Hebrews 10:1-18).

Jesus Christ revealed His deep love and passion for each us as He willingly went through all that He did on our behalf. Jesus didn't just say He loves you, He demonstrated it at the Cross. He allowed Himself to be taken captive, to be scourged and crucified. He willingly surrendered Himself over as the perfect sacrifice in full obedience to the Father's will for your eternal benefit.

His life and what He did on the cross carries significance for every person who has ever lived. The events from His Sunday morning with triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem to the Sunday morning of the resurrection can undoubtedly be claimed as the greatest week ever in the history for humanity. "He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24).

It is by His sacrifice that your communion with God is restored and by the covering of His blood that you are spared spiritual death. At the cross Jesus died to redeem you from the grim captivity of sin and guilt. Jesus remained in control to the end, and it is He who handed over his Spirit. All that He exchanged determined your destiny, by the shedding of His precious blood.

Every day, there is marvelous opportunities for growth. God desires for you to press in close to Him. He wants you to press so close that you feel the peace of His presence surrounding you. As this week continues, carry the truth even closer to your heart that the Cross is a place of victory and love, of God's faithfulness and your deliverance. Take whatever steps are necessary to make this week special between you and Him. Purpose in your heart right now, that this week is not life as usual, but set apart, just for Him.

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