

Meditation for Good Friday.

We will look at an overview from John's Gospel of the Lord Jesus' Trial & Crucifixion with comments from one Psalm & one Prophet. We pray that we may understand & take on board the terrible anguish, suffering, humiliation & abandonment by His Father that He experienced, as He bore the penalty for our sins. This should remind us how serious our sins are to a holy God.

HYMN 465 "Meekness & Majesty" especially v. 2

READINGS--John 17: 1-5-where Jesus prays that as He brought God's glory on Earth- eternal life is to "know you, the only true God, & Jesus Christ"- & completed this work, so may God glorify Him in his presence after Good Friday.

--John 18: 1-14-the arrest-note v.11 "Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?", which He hinted at in Jn. 17: 4-5.

--Is. 52: 13-15-the prophet outlines the Messiah's sufferings & that Kings may be amazed at what they see v.15.

REFLECTION

READINGS—John 18: 28-40 -the trial before Pilate, where Jesus points to His Kingdom as not of this world & His role to in testifying to the truth. Pilate knows He is innocent, but offers to release Barabbas.

--Psalm 22: 1-11-the writer experiences both despair & trust in God's deliverance.

HYMN 521 "Oh teach me what it meaneth" especially v. 3

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READINGS—John 19: 1-16a -the trial continues. Jesus is scourged & mocked; Pilate tries, in vain, to save Him, but is frightened into giving Him over to be crucified.

--Is. 50: 4-7-the prophet foretells Messiah's suffering & resolute determination to go through it, knowing he will not be put to shame in the end.

--Is. 53: 7-9-Messiah's innocence & silence is shown, so his death was undeserved.

HYMN 520 " Oh sacred head once wounded" especially v. 3

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READINGS—John 19: 16b-27 the Crucifixion- a prolonged & agonizing death. Even then Jesus cared for his mother.

--Ps. 22: 12-21-the writer foretells many of the humiliating & excruciating details of the Crucifixion.

--Is. 53: 1-6-the prophet explains so vividly Jesus burdens-v. 3 yet this "man of sorrows, familiar with suffering" was "crushed for

