

At the Cross

Jesus Died to Show Us the Way

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1 Peter 2:18-25

18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 "He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 John 2:6

Whoever says that he abides in Jesus ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Philippians 2:5-7

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of god, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Discussion Questions

Have you ever been asked to do the impossible?

How did it make you feel?

How would it make you feel if you tried and failed?

What do you think when you read that we are to be like Jesus?

Do you take it literally?

How human was Jesus?

So what was Jesus like?

Did Jesus have special powers that helped Him serve God and live in God's will?

Why would Jesus leave us an example of suffering?

Why would God want us to suffer?

How can we learn from Jesus how to deal with this suffering?

So what kind of things can we overcome in life?

How do we overcome and live for God?