

1 "The Supreme Sacrifice" or  
"The Cost of Our Redemption"

Easter is the supreme date in the Christian calendar. Easter is the supreme fact of the Christian life. Easter holds the supreme power by which men can live and fight and die in triumph.

This is true, for Christ arose from the dead and is Alive for ever more.

It is fitting that shortly before Easter we should think upon Christ's suffering and death. The death of Christ is the great subject of the bible in prophecy, gospel and epistle and its meaning is of great importance. The death of Christ was not a disastrous tragedy that befell him but it was a plan of God for the redemption of the race. While living on earth Christ was a 'great teacher' and a perfect example but all this was only a

prelude to his atoning death  
 To Christ himself, his work on  
 earth meant  dying  to bring  
 salvation to men. The shadow  
 of the cross lay over his cradle  
 and followed him thro' life.  
 It was fore-ordained before the  
 foundation of the world by God that  
 his son should die in order that  we   
 might live. In the beginning man  
 was made  pure  and in the  image   
 of his creator but thro' disobedience  
 man fell over into the sea of  
 violation  and God's image was  
 marred - man came under the  
 power and bondage of sin with  
 the penalty of death hanging  
 over him. Jesus patiently under-  
 went his sufferings and paid the  
 necessary price - "Death" to  
 redeem man and restore him

back in favor with his Creator.

Scripture sketches <sup>Mat 26</sup> 28

The last supper with his disciples

Praying in the garden of Gethsemane

His betrayal by Judas with a kiss.

Peter's Denial -

He was accused, mocked by one

Pilate - sent to Herod <sup>Herod</sup> because <sup>to Herod's</sup> Pilate and Herod became friends.

Pilate's wife warns him to have nothing to do with Jesus.

"Away with him, crucify him release unto us Bar-ab-bas, murderer Pilate's sentence: "it should be as they required"

Led away carrying his heavy cross: assisted by one Simon to a place called Calvary crucified. Then and reared him up between 2 thieves

~~At~~ ~~make~~ mockery in his death he prayed their forgiveness. Saved the dying thief. This is the King of the Jews

in greek, latin, Hebrew

from 6 to 9 hours, <sup>Pierced his side</sup> Word was in darkness - The dead saints got up and walked about in Jerusalem

Joseph begged his body and laid it in his own tomb - Tomb sealed

hand guarded - He arose -

The world belongs to God because for it He gave his son to die. The birth of Christ was local but it was because God so loved the world that became. The angelic choir that sang over the hills of Bethlehem was local but the theme of its song was for all "Glory to God in highest, of, earth peace, good will to all men"

The miracles of Christ was local but he had his disciples to go into all the world and preach to every creature.

The agony in the garden, the mocking in the judgement hall, the uplified tree on calvary, were local but the out stretched arms of that passion and death encircled all nations, and all people and by that sacrifice was the whole earth redeemed - The infinite cost of our redemption places us under immeasurable obligation to this 'grave conquering, ascended, and victorious Christ -