

**EASTER SERIES**  
**Part 5 of 5**  
**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010**  
**Easter through the eyes of Jesus**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The very purpose of Jesus being born was fulfilled on Easter weekend. It is the message that we observe every month at the communion table, the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is shown in biblical baptism it was announced at the birth of Jesus.

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luk 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Luk 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

From day one Jesus had his eyes on the cross of Calvary.

You can tell a lot about a man by the words that come out of his mouth. Jesus said it's not what goes into the mouth but what comes out that defiles the man.

The Bible says in **Luke 6:45, Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh**

Today I would like to look at the words that Jesus spoke from the last the last few hours of his life.

Not only did Jesus come to die on the cross, but the life that he lived he lived to be an example for you and I so that we might know how to live and conduct ourselves in this world

Jesus told his disciples during the last supper he said as I have done unto you you do to one another.

**SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS**

As we look at sayings from the cross today to see Easter through the eyes of Jesus we should also learn several spiritual truths to help us in this life today.

The scene was horrible that day, the blood the agony the crowd the nails the crown of thorns, we can't even begin to imagine everything that took place.

**Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.**

Jesus was not two-faced. I like to be around people who are genuine, even I don't agree with them as long as they are the same wherever there at that's the type of person you can get to know. There are some folk that act all different on Sunday they try to be someone they're not. Jesus was who he said he was. When he preached to the disciples and told them to turn the other cheek, when they hit him he turned the other cheek

When he preached forgiveness he forgave

When he preached love he loved

When he preached compassion he healed the sick

This cry from the cross is the very heart of God

Without Gods forgiveness none of us would be able to go to heaven

Because Christ forgave we should also

I know that you can probably think of a list of people that have hurt you and said terrible things about you but we must practice forgiveness because we are forgiven

### **ILLUSTRATIVE STORY**

A story is told of a thief who robbed John Wesley. While the thief walked away, Wesley shouted, "If you should someday come to your senses and know what you have done is wrong, turn to God for forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

**Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Life is too short to hold a grudge against someone.

If we would forgive like Jesus did we would live happier more fulfilled lives? It is

human nature to hold un-forgiveness and seek revenge, I know people today who don't go to church because someone said something wrong to them 5 years ago.

Seeking revenge or holding un-forgiveness here on the earth is a lack of faith in God who is the supreme judge and one day will sort it all out.

**Act 7:60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### **ILLUSTRATIVE STORY**

After the Civil War, Robert E. Lee visited a Kentucky lady who took him to the remains of a grand old tree in front of her house. There she bitterly cried that its limbs and trunk had been destroyed by Federal artillery fire. She looked to Lee for a word condemning the North or at least sympathizing with her loss. After a brief silence, Lee said, "Cut it down, my dear Madam, and forget it." It is better to forgive the injustices of the past than to allow them to remain, let bitterness take root and poison the rest of our life.

Easter is about Forgiveness Gods forgiveness to man and our forgiveness to one another

**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:39-43)**

This statement made to the dying thief shows that Jesus was a man of mission.

When most people would have been thinking about their own pain and suffering Jesus was concerned about saving this mans soul.

Jesus mission in life was to seek and to save the lost

**Luk 19:10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

**John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Jesus kept his focus on this mission even in his last hours here on the earth

It is easy for us at times to lose sight of our mission, or purpose we need to be steadfast just like Jesus

**Heb 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy

that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

This was the very purpose that Jesus had come for

Easter is all about the salvation of the lost

Easter is about us being persistent in our faith. It's not time to quit

### **ILLUSTRATIVE STORY**

An elderly lady was once asked by a young man who had grown weary in the fight, whether he ought to give up the struggle. "I am beaten every time," he said dolefully. "I feel I must give up." "Did you ever notice," she replied, smiling into the troubled face before her, "that when the Lord told the discouraged fishermen to cast their nets again, it was right in the same old spot where they had been fishing all night and had caught nothing?"

John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

John 19:27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

This statement shows the compassion that Jesus had, not only for his mother but for John

At a time when most would be more concerned about themselves Jesus was concerned about his mother and John

1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

John was the young tender disciple

Easter is about compassion, it was Gods compassion for mankind that sent Jesus to the cross. It is about us becoming people of compassion for the lost world a family like John and Mary became at the cross

Mar 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi,

lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

This is that moment where Jesus took our sins upon himself

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Jesus had been in complete communion with the father since the beginning.

This is the only time that he ever felt separation from God the Father

## **CONCLUSION**

Easter is about communion with God

As Jesus and the father were one we should be one with God through Jesus and be one with each other.

By allowing himself for that moment to become separated from God he brought you and I back to God the Father

While Jesus was on the cross the Bible says that the veil in the temple was torn from the top to the bottom

Mat 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;