



Jesus and his disciples observed the traditional Passover Seder meal which began at sundown on the 14th day of the Jewish month Abib, which was later called Nisan. During the meal Jesus told his disciples “*The Son of Man will go (die) just as it is written about him*” referring to Old Testament prophecies of the circumstances and manner of his death on the day that we traditionally call **Good Friday**.

On this day, spend time meditating on the below scriptures and allow God's Holy Spirit to fully reveal the awful price that was paid for you and for me.

EXPLORE:

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| Hated without a cause | Isaiah 49:7 | John 15:24-25 |
| Rejected by the rulers | Psalms 118:22 | Mt. 21:42, John 7:48 |
| Betrayed by a friend | Psalms 41:9 | Mt. 26:21-25, John 13:18-19 |
| Sold for 30 pieces of silver | Zech. 11:12 | Mt. 26:15 |
| Price given for a potter's field | Zech. 11:13 | Mt. 27:7 |
| Forsaken by his friends | Zech. 13:7 | Mt. 26:31 |
| Struck on the cheek | Micah 5:1 | Mt. 27:30 |
| Spat on | Isaiah 50:6 | Mt. 26:67, 27:30 |
| Mocked | Psalms 22:7-8 | Mt. 26:67-68, 27:31, 39-44 |
| Beaten | Isaiah 50:6 | Mt. 26:67, 27:26, 30 |
| Executed having hands and feet pierced | Psalms 22:16 | Mt. 27:35, John 19:18, 20:35 |
| Executed without having a bone broken | Exodus 12:46, Psalms 34:20 | John 19:33-36 |
| Thirsty during his execution | Psalms 22:15 | John 19:28 |
| Given vinegar to quench that thirst | Psalms 69:21 | Mt. 27:34 |
| Considered a transgressor | Isaiah 53:12 | Mt. 27:38 |
| Buried with the rich when dead | Isaiah 53:9 | Mt. 27:57-60 |

As I thought about all of this, the words of an old hymn came to mind that challenge us all:

*I gave my life to thee - My precious blood I shed
 That thou might ransom me - And quickened from the dead
 I gave, I gave my life for thee - What hast thou given for me?
 I gave, I gave my life for thee - What hast thou given for me?*

BEFORE CONTINUING, try to answer this question: Why do we call today “GOOD” Friday?
 Ask your family... Write down some thoughts...

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There is an old Peanuts cartoon in which Lucy asks “Chuck, why do we call it Good Friday” and that great theologian Charlie Brown replies “Because Jesus died to pay for our sins so that we can have eternal life with him. That sounds really good to me.” It seems Charlie Brown succinctly nailed it.

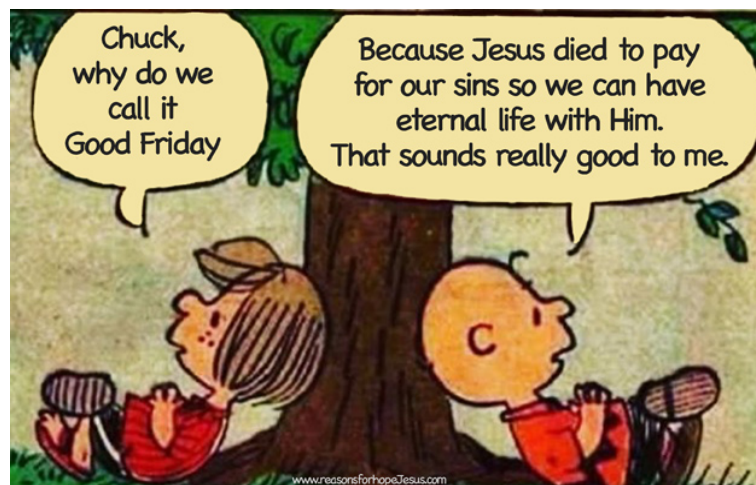
Read the rest of that old hymn and let it sink in. It is written from Jesus’ perspective and it asks us many questions. They are valuable questions to be answered by each of us:

*My father's house of light - My glory circled throne
I left for earthly night - For wandering, sad alone
I left, I left it all for thee - Hast thou left all for me?
I left, I left it all for thee - Hast thou left all for me?*

*I suffered much for thee - More than thy tongue can tell
Of bitterest agony - To rescue thee from hell
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee - What hast thou borne for me?
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee - What hast thou borne for me?*

*And I have brought to thee - Down from thine home above
Salvation full and free - My pardon and my love
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee - What hast thou brought for me?
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee - What hast thou brought for me?*

Jesus paid IT ALL for you and me. All to Him we owe. This is the day we must sit, rest, remember, think, and understand His sacrifice more than any other. Don’t rush past today. Don’t treat it like any other day. Sunday will be glorious. But Jesus is not resurrected if not first dead. His death is crucial. His death is vital. And, His death was wonderfully all for you and me.



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