

The Cost of Our Salvation



Refer to Mark 14. If you can, read the whole chapter

This is one of the most serious and life-changing subjects you can ever think about. Jesus is God-Man. As God He has perfect knowledge - He knows the future. As Man He was able to feel suffering in body and soul. Think about all these ways Jesus knew He was to be hurt as He prayed in Gethsemane:



1) **Betrayal.** What does it feel like if one of your best friends goes behind your back and spreads rumours about you?



2) **Deserted.** Where are you hurt the most when people you trust leave you when you need them most?

3) **Mocking.** How was Jesus mocked during the time just before He was crucified?

4) **Becoming sin.** Jesus was perfect - He never sinned. Why did He allow Himself to take the burden of our sins upon Himself and be punished?

5) **Bodily pain.** Jesus knew He would be badly hurt. We don't like pain. How much do you think Jesus must have loved His people to go knowingly into a situation where He would be terribly beaten and crucified?

6) **Forsaken by His Father.** This was the worst pain Jesus felt. Why was He willing to go through even this extreme sorrow? (see v 36).....

Our Response

Did you think being a Christian would mean you had to give up too much? But think what the Lord Jesus went through to save us from an eternity in hell! Without Jesus' terrible suffering there would be no hope of salvation for any of us!

How can we respond to such suffering and love for sinners?

Put some suggestions in these boxes (one-word answers are ok).



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