



Sunday, December 6, 2020  
**Hope Revealed: The Cross**  
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## Sermon Discussion Notes

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- **There are Trials Coming (Luke 22:39-44)**
  - Pray that God will prepare you for the trials to come (Luke 22:41-42).
  - The word *agony* means “to wrestle, to fight, to strive, or to endure” (Luke 22:44).
  - Jesus knew the suffering that He would face on the cross (Matthew 20:22).
  - Are you resisting temptation to the point of bloodshed? (Luke 22:44; Hebrews 12:4).
  
- **Christ Was Obedient Through His Suffering**
  - Prophecies of Jesus on the cross in Psalm 22:1-18:
    - He would be ridiculed (vv. 7-8).
    - His hands and feet would be pierced (v. 16).
    - They would cast lots for His clothing (v. 18).
    - God would turn away from Jesus on the cross (v. 1).
  - Christ prayed three times for God’s will to be done in Him (Matthew 26:38-44).
  - Christ was obedient, even to the point of death (John 3:16, 8:28).
  - Will you walk with Christ through your suffering? (Psalm 23:4).
  
- **Christ Knew His Purpose**
  - Jesus knew the reason for his birth (John 18:37).
  - People were attracted to Jesus’ anointing, not his outward appearance (Isaiah 53:2).
    - Jesus was hated by the religious leaders, he was from a despised village (Nazareth), and many questioned the legitimacy of his birth.
  
- **There is Hope in Christ**
  - Christ was given to us by God (Isaiah 9:6).
  - He suffered for our benefit (Isaiah 53:3-5).
  - **Hymn:**
    - I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene. And wonder how He could love me a sinner condemned unclean.
    - He took my sins and my sorrows. He made them His very own. He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone.
    - When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see. ‘Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.
    - How Marvelous! How Wonderful! And my song shall ever be. Oh How Marvelous! Oh How Wonderful is my Savior’s love for me!
  
- **The Agony of Christ Should Arouse Us from Our Stupor**
  - The agony that Christ endured will be different from that of the wicked.
    - Christ was not judged by a guilty or condemning conscience.
    - He felt no torment from inward corruptions and lusts.
    - Christ knew that God infinitely loved Him.
    - Christ did not suffer as the wicked do in Hell.