

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about the Second Article of The Apostles' Creed *

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil - not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death - in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

187 What are some of the sufferings Jesus endured?

He was betrayed into the hands of His enemies by one of His own disciples; He was bound, beaten and whipped; He was made fun of, spit upon, crowned with thorns, and finally nailed to the cross

188 When did Jesus' suffering become greatest?

Jesus suffered all His life, but His greatest suffering came in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the night when He was betrayed, when His sweat was like drops of blood, and on the cross when He cried in agony of soul, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 26:36-46; Matthew 27:46, Luke 22:44).

189 What was crucifixion?

Crucifixion was a painful, disgraceful, and cursed means of execution by which criminals were fastened to a cross and allowed to die.

190 How did Jesus accept His suffering?

Jesus accepted His suffering willingly and patiently.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

A Verse to Remember

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3 ESV

* in the *Explanation of Luther's Small*

