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**PASSION**

Merriam-Webster: 1) the sufferings of Christ between the night of the Last Supper and His death;

2) suffering; 3) intense, driving, or overmastering feeling or conviction; 4) a strong love for or devotion to

**LUKE 23:32-43**

God produced a graphic portrayal of all humanity on the hill called Calvary....

**1. One Man Died in Sin (v.32, 39)**

 \* criminal, “bad actor,” lawbreaker -

**Romans 3:10-12,23** As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; **11** There is none

who understands; There is none who seeks after God. **12** They have all turned aside; They have

together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, note one.” **23** for all have

sinned and fall short of the glory of God, NKJV

 \* thief -

 **Mark 15:27** With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other one on

 His left. NKJV

 We have all robbed God...others...and ourselves by our sins

 \* traitor to Rome – sin is high-handed rebellion, “cosmic treason,” a death-wish on God

 \* this man died mocking Christ -

**Galatians 6:7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will

also reap. NKJV

 \* this man prayed, but without faith –

 **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves;

 it is the gift of God, NKJV

 \* this man perished, lost –

 **Romans 6:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. NKJV

 **Revelation 20:15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of

 fire. NKJV

**2. One Man Died to Sin (v.40-43)**

 \* he had the same pedigree: criminal, thief, traitor

 \* he deserved the same sentence and admitted it

 \* but he REPENTED and CONFESSED his sins –

 **Acts 3:19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times

 of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, NKJV

 **Psalms 32:5** I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will\

 confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. NKJV

 \* he placed amazing FAITH in Jesus as King and Lord -

 **Romans 10:13** For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” NKJV

 \* he publicly CONFESSED HIS BELIEF in Jesus Christ –

 **Matthew 10:32-33** “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess

 before My Father who is in heave. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also

 deny before My Father who is in heaven. NKJV

 \* this man reached Paradise, saved –

 **John 5:24** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent

 Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. NKJV

**3. One Man Died for Sin (v.44-46)**

 \* He is the God-Man, Lord of all – v.38

 \* as such, He dies in our place, takes our punishment, puts away our sins -

 **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring

 us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, NKJV

 \* He endures God’s wrath alone and in darkness -

 **Matthew 27:46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama

sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” NKJV

 \* He opens the way back to God -

 **Hebrews 10:19-22a** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of

 Jesus, **20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His

 flesh, **21**and having a High Priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart

 in full assurance of faith, NKJV

 \* He dies in triumphant faith, to rise again -

 **Romans 4:25** who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our

 justification. NKJV