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## His Ransom, Our Redemption!

**Isaiah 53:5:** (NKJV) *"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."*



"Almost a Whisper," Yanni

Sometimes, one life makes all the difference. Sometimes, all it takes is a mission, a lofty mission and a calling - a calling to do that which has never been done before and in so doing the mission is accomplished and the world is changed. Such a life was lived some 2,000 years ago. The mission and the calling compelled that life to change the course of humanity forever. It is this life, this mission and this calling that we honor today - Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior who gave his life so we might have life and is now raised to power on high!

"ENCOURAGEMENT"



We drop in on Jesus and his trusted followers on the night preceding his crucifixion.

**The first order of business for Jesus was yet another lesson in Humility:**

Luke 22:24-26:

Mark 10:44-45: John 13:3-9: (NKJV) *"<sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. <sup>5</sup>After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. <sup>6</sup>Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, 'Lord, are You washing my feet?' <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.' <sup>8</sup>Peter said to Him, 'You shall never wash my feet!' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.' <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, 'Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!'"*

**After humbly washing their feet to focus the lesson of humility, Jesus reveals his Betrayer:** Matthew 26:20-22

John 13:26-31:



Piano, Jim Brickman

**Jesus, now seeing the final stages of his life unfolding gives strength to his disciples:** John 13:33-38

Luke 22:31-32

**Jesus continues His encouragement:** John 14:1-6

**Jesus now gives the tender lesson of the vine and the branches:** John 15:1-8 John 16:32-33

So in the midst of the uncertainty that the disciples were experiencing and with the weight of the world that Jesus was carrying upon his shoulders, Jesus takes this precious time to encourage and strengthen his brethren. He speaks plainly to them of the coming tempest and tells them to stand unafraid, for whatever it is that they will be faced with - he has already overcome it! He reminds them of the necessity for humility and faith - essentially, Jesus shows them the way.

Now Jesus prays - he prays not for himself but for his followers to abide in the grace of the almighty hand of the Almighty God.



"Waterfall" Jim Brickman

John 17:1-26 John 18:1-2



"Wall of Breath," Peter Gabriel

Matthew 26:36-42 Luke 22:43-44



"The Promise of Shadows," Peter Gabriel

**The Betrayal:**

Luke 22:47-48 John 18:3-11 Luke 22:51-53 John 18:12



"Isengard Unleashed," Howard Shore

The night of trial begins:

John 18:13-26: (NRSV) and Luke 22:55-65: (ASV) John 18:13-16: <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year...<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. Luke 22:55-57: <sup>55</sup>And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them. <sup>56</sup>And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light of the fire, and looking steadfastly upon him, said, This man also was with him. <sup>57</sup>But he denied, saying, Woman, I know him not. John 18:19-25: <sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus answered him... <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. <sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." Luke 22:59: <sup>59</sup>And after the space of about one hour John 18:26: <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this man also was with him; for he is a Galilaean. Luke 22:60-65: <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. <sup>61</sup>And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto him, Before the cock crow this day thou shalt deny me thrice. <sup>62</sup>And he went out, and wept bitterly. <sup>63</sup>And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and beat him. <sup>64</sup>And they blindfolded him, and asked him, saying, Prophecy: who is he that struck thee? <sup>65</sup>And many other things spake they against him, reviling him."

John 18:28-40 John 19:1-16

"CRUCIFIXION"



"Via Dolorosa," Sandi Patti

John 19:17



"Nearer My God to Thee," Titanic Violins

Luke 23:26-28 John 19:19-22 Mark 15:27-28 Matthew 27:39-44 Luke 23:36-37 John 19:25-27 Luke 23:39-43



"The Passage of the Marshes," Howard Shore

So Jesus hung on the cross for hours. As he hung there, the people continually came by and reviled him.

Mark 15:33-36 John 19:28 and 30 Luke 23:46

Mark 15:33-34: <sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?* which is, being interpreted, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* John 19:28: <sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, *I thirst.* Mark 15:35-36: <sup>35</sup>And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. <sup>36</sup>And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. John 19:30: <sup>30</sup>When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It is finished.* Luke 23:46: *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:* and having said thus, he bowed his head, and gave up the (spirit)."

Matthew 27:51 and 54 Mark 15:40-41

It was in this manner that Jesus the Christ was crucified and it was in this manner that Jesus the Christ did die...



"Behold the Lamb of God," Handel's Messiah

During these experiences that led to this moment of crucifixion, it is hard to imagine what was going through the minds of his followers. They would have been scared and confused. How could this have happened? Did they begin to question everything?

We will close this segment of "CRUCIFIXION" by "beholding the Lamb of God" and reading from Isaiah 53:3-7,9-10,12



## "RESURRECTION!"



### "Amazing Grace," Celtic Bagpipes

As we resume our story, we look at the events that preceded Jesus' burial and some of the posturing that the Pharisees continued to do to try and crush the influence of Jesus.

John 19:31-34

John 19:38-42: (NRSV) <sup>38</sup>"After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus... Matthew 27:60: (NRSV) in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away."

Matthew 27:62-66



### "Resurrection," John Debney

Mark 16:1-8 and Luke 24:6-8

Mark 16:1-6: <sup>1</sup>"And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. <sup>3</sup>And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? <sup>4</sup>And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. <sup>5</sup>And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were afraid. <sup>6</sup>And he saith unto them, Be not afraid: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: Why seek ye the living among the dead? he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him... Luke 24:6-8: **The angel continued:** ...remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, Mark 16:7,8: <sup>7</sup>But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. <sup>8</sup>And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid."

Here was to begin a new frenzy of activity; for the resurrection of Jesus would not only energize the fragile followers he left behind, it would send a shock wave through all the nation. Mary would be the first to actually speak to the risen Lord. Peter and John would soon race to the sepulchre, only to find it empty. Now the realization of what Jesus had said all along would begin to sink in: He IS the son of God - He IS risen - He IS the long awaited Messiah...



### "With this Love," Peter Gabriel

It was finished, that part of his work anyway. Now he would go about the next phase - to truly enlighten and instruct his followers through their coming trials and challenges, for the Gospel was destined to grow through turmoil, persecution and patience. So, his next task would be to reveal himself to those left behind, especially Simon Peter, who would have to be courageous enough to face his past so he could learn to face the future.

## "REDEMPTION"



### "Gollum's Song," Howard Shore

What about Simon Peter? He had done the unthinkable - he denied knowing his Lord at Jesus' most pressing hour of need. And he didn't just deny him once - no, he did it three times...three times!! He knew better, he wanted to stand up for Jesus, but he was just too afraid, just too weak. Imagine what he must have been thinking those few days between Jesus death and resurrection - as we listen to this piece of music, let us hear it as if inside of Peter's own mind, listening to his



own voice accusing himself of cowardice and finding only lonely despair as a companion...perhaps much like we would when we deny our Lord.



"He's Alive," Don Francisco

When we see only despair, Jesus sees forgiveness...

Redemption comes through forgiveness and forgiveness comes through grace. These things are the gifts that Peter was given by Jesus; for Jesus knew his heart, Jesus knew his potential, and Jesus knew that deep within Peter lived a fearless and abiding courage. So Peter is given a glorious redemption. Now it would be Peter's turn to rise to the challenges of leadership - a challenge that could only be accomplished by standing upon the shoulders of his Lord.



"You Raise Me Up," Selah

"RESTITUTION"



Isaiah 53:5



"With His Stripes," Handel's Messiah

What did the life death and resurrection of Jesus really bring? We say restitution, but what does that really mean? Let's look at a number of prophecies that describe it to us.



"Hero's Dream," Jim Brickman

Micah 4:1-5

Isaiah 35:5-10

Isaiah 51:3



"Rejoice," Jim Brickman

Salvation is for every man woman and child who has ever walked this earth: Colossians 1:18-20 Luke 2:10  
1 Corinthians 15:20-22 1 Timothy 2:3-4 Daniel 2:44 Revelation 21:3-4

As you celebrate this Resurrection Sunday, look carefully upon the events that happened with the greatest of thankfulness so that we can focus on doing what we should do to honor the Father and His son Jesus.



"Hallelujah," Handel's Messiah

*His Ransom, Our Redemption.  
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...  
Think about it...!*