

BEAUTIFUL MYSTERY

SOMETHING ABOUT SACRIFICE

A STORY OF CONTRADICTIONS

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Mark 11:1-10

And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify Him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.


Mark 15:12-15


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THE GREAT MYSTERY OF JESUS' SACRIFICE

 CHRIST'S SACRIFICE AS A PENALTY PAID TO GOD
2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13

 CHRIST'S SACRIFICE AS THE GREAT VICTORY
Revelation 12:7-17; Philippians 2:6-11; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Colossians 2:15; 1 John 5:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:8-10;
Ephesians 1:20-22, 2:1-10, 4:8-9, 6:12

 CHRIST'S SACRIFICE AS A RANSOM
Matt 20:27-28; Mark 10:45; 1 Cor 6:20, 7:23; 1 Tim 2:5-6; 2 Pet 2:1;
Gal 2:20; Col 1:13-14; Heb 9:15; Acts 26:17-18

 CHRIST'S SACRIFICE AS RECONCILIATION
AND THE RESTORATION OF SHALOM
Rom 5:10-11, 8:19-23; 2 Cor 5:14-19; Eph 2:6, 2:12-18; Phil 3:20-21;
Col 1:15-22, 3:15

THE CROSS OF CHRIST AS THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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