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“Becoming Like Him in His Death”

Text: Matthew 27:11-50

In the book of Philippians, we read of Paul’s primary purpose. I want to know Christ and the p_____ of his resurrection. Ref: Philippians 3:10-11 and 1st Peter 4:1

We cannot relate to what he endured at the hands of his tormentors but what we can do is learn from his example of how to respond to unjust treatment.

But we must remember that in becoming like him in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, we also experience the power of the resurrection in our lives.

#1 We Can Learn From Jesus Silence.

Great Advice---“Never argue with a critic.” Ref: Psalm 39:1

#2 We Can Learn Something From His Attitude Toward Suffering

In the midst of the pain and sorrow that is brought about by sin, we can experience God’s forgiveness, his mercy, and his comfort.

In the midst of the pain that is brought by a broken heart, or broken dreams, or a broken life, you can experience the healing presence of God and he will lift you up in a miraculous way.

The glory of the Lord always lies ahead.

“It is suffering and then glory. Not to have the suffering means not to have the glory.” Ref: 1st Peter 3:17

There are times God delivers us from suffering, and there are times when he directs us through it.

Do you want to become like Jesus? Do you want to unleash the very power of God in your life? Then follow his example of decisive suffering.

When God allows us to suffer, He is producing something eternally precious.

Suffering is truly a difficult aspect of life, but if we keep our eyes and hope on “the eternal blessing of God” for believers, we need not stumble into despair.

#3 We Can Learn Something From His Sacrifice.

Your sins were heaped upon Jesus, and he paid for them. He sacrificed his life so that we could have l_____. Ref: Isa. 53:6

Jesus made his life a sacrifice, so that we could experience the fullness of God's presence in our lives with no fear of abandonment.

Sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death-----do you know how you do that? We become like him in his death, by living a life of sacrifice, by giving ourselves to others, by living to s_____ others.

There can be no resurrection without a d_____. We cannot be born again unless we die to ourselves. We must be willing to die daily, even if it is an inch at a time.

We must remember that it is through s_____ I_____ that we experience ---the power of his resurrection in our lives.