

# THE PERSON AND LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson Twelve

### THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (2)

Scripture reading: Matt. 27:45-66; John 19:28-42

#### Burden to Impart:

*The Lord Jesus' greatest suffering was not the physical pain or the shame inflicted upon Him by man. A much greater suffering was the pain caused by God's judgment upon Him as He willingly suffered for the sins of the entire world and was forsaken by God, with Whom He had enjoyed eternal oneness and communion. Because of His obedience to God and His love to man, and in order to fulfill God's eternal purpose, the Lord Jesus was willing to pay any price and endure any suffering in order for man to be forgiven and redeemed so that he might receive the divine life.*

**Memory Verse:** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

#### Facts to Teach:

1. During the first three hours on the cross the Lord Jesus' sufferings were physical (in His body) and psychological (in His soul). He suffered the pain of the crucifixion in His hands and feet. Also, His head had a crown of thorns and His back had been scourged. His face had been beaten and slapped, His beard plucked, and His mouth was parched and dry (Psa. 22:15). He suffered in His soul from the people's mocking and scorn. He was so humiliated that He felt as low as a worm (Psa. 22:6-8). In addition to all of this, He suffered the shame of having His clothes taken away from Him.
2. The worst suffering, however, was during the sixth through the ninth hours, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon. During these three hours He suffered an agony in His spirit that we as human beings will never be able to understand.
  - a. At noon the bright sun became darkened and darkness came over all the land. This was a great sign that something was happening in the universe that was of universal and eternal significance. Everyone at that time had to see that sign; the sun, the very source of man's light and life, temporarily became darkened and hid its face from the awesome sight that was taking place on the hill of Calvary as Jesus, the Author of life (Acts 3:15), was being killed.
  - b. At the ninth hour (3:00 P.M.) Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matt. 27:46). Jesus, who had never known one moment of separation from His God and Father for all eternity, was separated from and forsaken by God [economically, not essentially] during those three hours. God had to forsake His beloved Son at that time because as the Lamb of God He had become the sin offering for the whole world. All the sins and iniquities of the whole world (1 John 2:2; Isa. 53:6) were laid upon Him and He, the Holy One who knew no sin, was made sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21).
  - c. After bearing all of God's righteous judgment for the sins of the whole world, Jesus accomplished eternal redemption for us. Having fulfilled His Father's will He cried out in a loud voice, "It is finished!" and gave up His spirit (John 19:30). Actually, men did not kill Him. Because He had finished redemption's work, He gave up His own life (John 10:17-18).

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3. It was already evening and the Sabbath was approaching, so the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs of Jesus and the two criminals broken. (They did this to cause a speedy death which occurred once the legs were broken and could not support the person's weight.) However, when the soldiers came to Jesus they did not need to break His legs because, to their surprise, He had already died. Anyway, to be absolutely positive that Jesus was dead, and out of brutal cruelty, one of the soldiers thrust his spear into Jesus' side. Immediately blood and water came out (John 19:31-34).
4. After Jesus died, two disciples who loved Him very much (Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus) came to Pilate and asked him for the body of Jesus. They wanted to bury Him in an honorable way, and indeed they did. Though He was born in a poor manger, He was not buried in a poor way. He was buried in a special grave that Joseph had prepared for himself at great cost. He was buried in a great rock that had been hollowed out with much difficulty. They carefully wrapped His precious body in a clean linen cloth and put fragrant spices around it. Finally, an extremely large stone was rolled in front of the cave (Mark 16:4) and they went away.
5. Although His disciples apparently did not remember, the wicked Pharisees remembered that Jesus had said, "After three days I will arise." Because they were afraid that Jesus' disciples would come and steal away His body and tell everyone that He had risen from the dead, the Pharisees begged Pilate for guards to watch the grave until the third day. Pilate granted their wish, so they were given at least two guards (Matt. 28:4) to seal His grave and keep watch over it for the remainder of the three days.

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Songs for Lesson Twelve

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Hymns, #986.

C F C  
Christ has a full redemption made:

F C G<sup>7</sup>  
What a wonderful Savior!

C F C  
We are redeemed! The price is paid:

F C G<sup>7</sup> C  
What a wonderful Savior!

G<sup>7</sup> C  
What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Savior!

F C G<sup>7</sup> C  
What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord!

I praise Him for the cleansing blood,  
What a wonderful Savior!  
That reconciled my soul to God,  
What a wonderful Savior!

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## Character Lesson Twelve

### *ENDURING*

#### Definition:

Enduring is to put up with something not so pleasant to you yet finish the task.

#### Examples and/or Questions to Ask the Children:

1. Eating something that is healthful, that you don't like.
2. Doing the dishes.
3. Camels endure the desert heat with little or no water
4. The Lord endured many sufferings. What were some of the sufferings the Lord endured?
  - rejection
  - pain
  - shame
  - being forsaken

#### Verse:

*"And you shall be hated by all because of My name; but he who endures to the end, he shall be saved." Matthew 10:22*

#### Story:

This story is about two little camels, Tommy and Tuffy. Tuffy endures different situations, while Tommy gives up. The story follows this outline:

1. Breakfast--Mom serves soft-boiled eggs, and even though both camels don't like it, Tuffy eats the eggs, while Tommy complains.
2. School--The teacher gives a math paper, and Tommy works a few problems, but gets frustrated, and crumples up the paper. Tuffy toughs it out and finishes the work.
3. Music class--The music teacher teaches the class a new note on their recorders. The only thing Tommy can do is squeak, but Tuffy keeps practicing, even though he, too, squeaks. Soon Tuffy is able to play the new note, but Tommy is just upset.
4. Home--Mom had an emergency while cooking dinner, so the hamburgers were a little burnt. Tommy complained, but he began watching Tuffy who simply thanked his mom for the food and ate his hamburger.
5. Cleaning up--Both little camels did the dishes together, for they had both learned a little about enduring until the job is finished.

#### Craft Ideas:

1. The children are given an outline of a camel on a sheet of paper.
  2. Glue a long piece of yarn along the outline of the camel.
  3. Small pieces of unraveled yarn are glued to make the camel's fur.
- [Materials needed - paper, yarn, glue.]

