

# Chapter 26

## The Cross-The Hour of Darkness



THE STORY

**“Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!” Psalm 118**



**“It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of his love...**



**The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal,...**



**took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” John 13:1-7**



**“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man,...**



**he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,...**



**in heaven and on earth and under  
the earth, and every tongue  
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”  
Philippians 2:5-11**





**“Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another’s feet.”**



**“Jesus has laid aside his life for us all, and the debt which we owe to him is to be discharged by our subjection to our neighbors in loving service. Our neighbor is the appointed agent authorized to receive what we owe the Master.”**



**All the nations of the world are brought before the Son of Man. Then the King says to those who are on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...**



**For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me in. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me. I was in prison, and you came to me.”...**



**Those on his right respond in great surprise. “Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger, and invite you in, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison, and come to you?”...**



**The King answers and says to them, “Truly I say to you, to the extent that you have done it to one of the least of these, my brothers, you’ve done it to me.”**



**“to live in the slums of Calcutta amidst all the dirt and disease and misery signified a spirit so indomitable, a faith so intractable, a love so abounding that I felt abashed.”**



**“I ran away and stayed away.  
Mother Teresa moved in and  
stayed. That was the difference.”**





**“Mother Teresa simply prepared to follow her Lord, in accordance with his instructions, and to regard every derelict left to die in the streets as him. To hear in the cry of every abandoned child—even in the tiny squeak of the discarded fetus—the cry of the Bethlehem Child...**



**To recognize in every leper's stumps the hands which once touched sightless eyes and made them see, the hands which once rested on distracted heads, made them calm, and brought health to sick flesh and twisted limbs."**



**"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21**



**".....when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit."**



**"It is finished."**



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**".....bowed his head and gave up his spirit". John 19:30.**

