

Good Friday

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him,—Isaiah 53:5

When we think of “Good Friday” our first reaction may be, “What was good about it?” We have probably spent many hours contemplating Christ’s agony and suffering. But as we stop to realize that it was His work on the cross that made it possible for God the Father to accept Christ’s shed blood on our behalf and not violate His justice we realize it was an amazingly good day.

Sometimes I think there might have been a less intense, a less difficult way for Jesus to still pay for my sin. Then I think about how horrific my sin was and how He had to pay the greatest price possible to forgive me. I also realize that the greater His suffering, the more evident His love.

While the holy day that Christ was crucified is a focal point of our salvation, it is incomplete without the resurrection on the third day. Only God could have completed the atonement by providing victory over sin and death.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.—Isaiah, 53:6