

THE SON OF GOD

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Today, we want to examine three aspects of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion.

In Gethsemane- Betrayed. "Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him. Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him." {Matthew 26:48,49}

After praying three times, Jesus willingly gave himself over to the mob that had come to arrest Him. Judas, one of His beloved disciples, betrayed Him with a kiss. Judas had bargained, for thirty pieces of silver, to deliver Jesus into their hands at a place where He was alone.

At Cabbotha= Delivered. "When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabatha." (John 19:13)

Following His betrayal, Jesus was taken before Pilate. He was charged with insurrection. Jesus' accusers claimed He made himself Caesar's rival. Truth be told, when the people sought to make Jesus their king, He fled from their presence. (John 6:15) This clearly shows that our Lord's trials were nothing but a mockery of justice.

On Golgotha - Crucified. "And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center." (John 19:17,18)

Following His scourging Jesus was led away to the place where they would place Him on a cross and rid themselves of this self-proclaimed Messiah! Crucifixion was a painful, agonizing death that was reserved for the vilest of criminals. God's sinless Son took upon Himself the sins of the world and received the penalty we all deserve for our sins - death. Yes, Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many. He tasted death for every man, Hebrews 2:9.

Man's much needed remedy for sin became a reality. God's requirement for justice had been satisfied. Before time began God had an eternal plan for man's redemption and the centerpiece of that plan was the death of His Son on a cross. What wonderful love was shown to man! ***