

apr 12

i thought we would continue on during this holy week with themes about it. today i hope we will all let ourselves contemplate the mental anguish our Lord suffered even before all the physical pain. yes, perhaps the mental anguish was was even more painful.

yesterday i was speaking to some small children about "anticipation". often the waiting and imaging of the coming gift can exceed it's actual giving.

cannot dread cause just as much pain as anticipation brings joy? it takes resolve to go forward when everything within you is wanting to go back. but we all have a purpose and a destiny. our Lord faced His. will we face ours? "now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? but for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." john 12:27-28

gethsemene

the Lord is in the garden, weeping --
prostrate, anguished -- all alone.
not far away His friends are sleeping,
using pillows made of stone.

there in the darkness, time is fleeting --
racing toward His destiny.
His weary voice is heard repeating,
Father, take this cup from Me.

more fervently the Lord is pleading --

mouthng words without a sound.
from sorrow, He has started bleeding
crimson droplets on the ground.

disciples -- one by one -- awaken.
Jesus tells them as they stand,
the Son of Man will soon be taken.
rise, the hour is at hand.

bright torches in the distance -- nearing;
shouts and voices pierce the night.
then judas walks into the clearing --
soldiers to his left and right.

to judas and the crowd behind him
Jesus asks, whom do you seek?
all eyes await the sign to bind Him --
judas kisses Jesus' cheek.

a glint of steel -- a blade is wheeling --
peter cuts off someone's ear.

a call for peace -- a touch of healing,
Jesus' friends run off in fear.

surrounded by the priests and soldiers --
centered in His Father's will.
the world's weight upon His shoulders --
stretched out on golgotha's hill.

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because our Lord finished His course, He has equipped
us with all we need to finish our course. like our
Lord, we do not seek to save our life but to sow it for

others. "for whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." matt 16:25 no, this world is not our home. our home is with Him, never to know separation again.

if we could ask Jesus if it was worth it, i think He would just smile.

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