

Good Friday Service

30th March 2018

"... being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

(Romans 5:9)

Call to Worship *Dn Low Boon Siang*

***Hymn 173** *There Is a Fountain*

***Hymn 175** *For All My Sin*

***Invocation**

Responsive Scripture Reading *Romans 5:6-21*

Collection of Offering / Hymn 179

The Way of the Cross Leads Home

Sermon *"Christ Drank Our Cup of Wrath"*

Romans 5:6-21

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Holy Communion

Hymn 183 *Jesus Paid It All*

Hymn 188 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

***Prayer and Benediction**

** Congregation Standing*



GETHSEMANE
BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42

The Inevitability of Christ's Death

Prabhudas Koshy



Jesus repeatedly insisted during His public ministry that He must suffer and die. He pre-announced His death as “a must”. Jesus never spoke of His sufferings and impending death in a doubtful or reluctant manner, but in the most express and clear terms. Consider the following portions of the Scriptures that record His statements about His death:

- Matthew 16:21 – “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he **must** go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.”
- Mark 8:31 – “And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.”
- Luke 9:22 – “Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.”
- Luke 17:25 – “But first **must** he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.”
- Luke 24:7 – “Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”
- Luke 24:26 – “**Ought** not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?”
- John 3:14 – “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.”

Christ's intimation of His sufferings and death was not a subject that even His disciples could fathom. They were very uneasy and discomfited when He started to give prominence to the topic of His sufferings and death. They would rather hear from Him about the majesty of His deity than the

ignominy of His sufferings and death. So, when Jesus “began ... to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day” (Matthew 16:21), “Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee” (Matthew 16:22). Peter’s failure to accept Christ’s insistence on the inevitability and exigency of His sufferings and death drew for himself a sharp condemnation from the Lord.

The term “**must**” in the above statements of Christ emphasises His death as a necessary part of God’s plan of salvation. First of all, it denotes that Christ’s death was the predetermined counsel of God. His sufferings, death and resurrection must all come to pass because of the immutable decree of God, and in line with the covenant of grace. It is the “must” of God’s master plan for our redemption. In addition, it also denotes the certainty of the prediction that Jesus made about His death. His death was not only predicted by Himself, but also by the ancient prophets of Israel. It is thus, secondly, the “must” of prediction. Moreover, it denotes the appropriateness and suitability of Christ’s death for our salvation. If His death was not offered for the forgiveness of our sins, there will never be any other suited means to provide for our forgiveness. Hence it is, thirdly, the “must” of moral suitability of His suffering and death for our atonement.

Let us worship and sing unto Christ our Saviour, who came and lived on earth willingly and readily to secure our redemption by His sufferings, death and resurrection.



Do attend the Cantata that will follow after the Good Friday Service.

Theme: “The Atonement of Christ”

The Voices of Gethsemane, Gethsemane Youth Choir, and Gethsemane Children’s Choir will be presenting songs and hymns.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



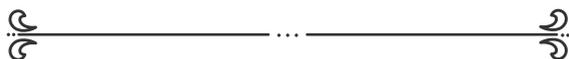
GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY

Video Screening: "Patterns of Evidence - Exodus"

Date & Time: Sat, 31 Mar 2018, 1.30pm-4.00pm

Venue: Singapore Post Centre, Level 5 Auditorium

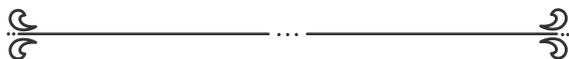
The documentary presents archaeological and historical evidence that proves the historicity of the biblical record of Exodus. Come for a time of learning!



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