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His Pain Our Gain Part 2**

What is the greatest way to love someone? *John 15:13*

2000 years ago He did exactly that! The Son of God rode triumphantly into Jerusalem to be the Lamb of God who took away our sins. *Exodus 12:21-23; John 1:29-30; John 10:11*

What a price Jesus paid for our gain! He knows how every form of suffering feels!

The Garden: Jesus experienced crushing grief and spiritual attack without comfort and support from those closest to Him. **Mark 14:32-38**

The Courtyard: Jesus experienced piercing rejection from His own people along with brutal, physical torture and verbal abuse. **Mark 15:6-20**

The Hill: Jesus experienced an excruciating, humiliating death which included excruciating separation from His Father! **Mark 15:21-39**

We were worth it to Jesus! *Isaiah 53:11-12*

Honoring His Pain:

1) Believe, receive and walk in all Christ's suffering did for you! *Ephesians 1:3-8a*

Through your faith in the blood of Jesus Christ you are...

- Completely forgiven by God for all your sins... past present and future!
- Completely loved, accepted, and fully pleasing to God.
- Completely born again and able to be filled with the fullness of God through the Holy Spirit.
- Completely capable of conquering any sin or satanic attack that seeks to overcome or destroy your life.
- Completely cared for in all your needs as you yield your life completely to Him and trust Him for what's best in your life.
- Completely covered by His sovereign control over the universe and your unique part in it.
- Completely confident in His power to transform you into the likeness of Christ; fulfilling your purposes for Him.
- Completely assured of eternal life in paradise with Christ and all who believe in Him when we die physically

He paid in full for everything...past, present and future! *Romans 8:32*

2) Surrender total control of your life to His Lordship. He died as your Savior but He deserves to live in you as Lord! *Galatians 2:20*

One proof of His Lordship in you is public baptism.
Mark 16:16

3) Help others experience what the sacrificial suffering of Jesus Christ purchased for them also. Let's love lost people in word and deed and bring them home to Jesus! *Luke 15:3-7*

Discussion Questions:

1. Read again all the ways Christ suffered for our salvation. What touched your heart most deeply? Do you see yourself as worth it?
2. Are you believing, receiving, and walking in what His suffering purchased in full for you?
3. Have you been baptized? Is there an area of your life you are working on to make Him Lord of? Who could you invite to our Easter services?