

"[DALLAS JENKINS'] STORY OF REDEMPTION AND HARD WORK SERVES AS A REMINDER THAT THE BIGGEST BREAKTHROUGHS OFTEN COME AFTER THE DEEPEST DISAPPOINTMENTS."

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AND WHEN THEY CAME TO THE PLACE THAT IS CALLED THE SKULL, THERE THEY CRUCIFIED HIM, AND THE CRIMINALS, ONE ON HIS RIGHT AND ONE ON HIS LEFT. —LUKE 23:33

35AND THE PEOPLE STOOD BY, WATCHING,
BUT THE RULERS SCOFFED AT HIM, SAYING,
"HE SAVED OTHERS; LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF,
IF HE IS THE CHRIST OF GOD, HIS CHOSEN ONE!"
36THE SOLDIERS ALSO MOCKED HIM, COMING UP
AND OFFERING HIM SOUR WINE 37AND SAYING,
"IF YOU ARE THE KING OF THE JEWS, SAVE
YOURSELF!" 38THERE WAS ALSO AN INSCRIPTION
OVER HIM, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."
—LUKE 23:35-38

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## I. THE CHOSEN ONE IS REVEALED

INOW THE LORD SAID TO ABRAM, "GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR KINDRED AND YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE TO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU. <sup>2</sup>AND I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION, AND I WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT, SO THAT YOU WILL BE A BLESSING.

<sup>3</sup>I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU, AND HIM WHO DISHONORS YOU I WILL CURSE, AND IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED." —GENESIS 12:1-3

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NOW THE PROMISES WERE MADE TO ABRAHAM AND TO HIS OFFSPRING. IT DOES NOT SAY, "AND TO OFFSPRINGS," REFERRING TO MANY, BUT REFERRING TO ONE, "AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING," WHO IS CHRIST. —GALATIANS 3:16

2. THE CHOSEN ONE WAS REJECTED

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LUKE 20:9-18

BETRAYAL OF JUDAS

TRANSFERAL OF THE PASSOVER

DENIAL OF PETER

22:31-34; 23:54-62

RIDICULE OF THE CAPTORS

DISMISSAL OF PILATE

APPEAL OF THE CROWD

23:18-25

FINAL BREATH OF THE CHOSEN ONE

22:3-6; 23:47-53

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22:7-23

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3HE WAS DESPISED AND REJECTED BY MEN,
A MAN OF SORROWS AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF;
AND AS ONE FROM WHOM MEN HIDE THEIR FACES
HE WAS DESPISED, AND WE ESTEEMED HIM NOT.
4SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS AND CARRIED OUR
SORROWS; YET WE ESTEEMED HIM STRICKEN, SMITTEN
BY GOD, AND AFFLICTED. 5BUT HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR
TRANSGRESSIONS; HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES;
UPON HIM WAS THE CHASTISEMENT THAT BROUGHT US
PEACE, AND WITH HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.
6ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY;
WE HAVE TURNED—EVERY ONE—TO HIS OWN WAY;
AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.
—ISAIAH 53:3-6

## 3. THE CHOSEN ONE CAME TO MAKE US RIGHTEOUS

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10YET IT WAS THE WILL OF THE LORD TO CRUSH HIM;
HE HAS PUT HIM TO GRIEF; WHEN HIS SOUL MAKES AN
OFFERING FOR GUILT, HE SHALL SEE HIS OFFSPRING;
HE SHALL PROLONG HIS DAYS; THE WILL OF THE LORD
SHALL PROSPER IN HIS HAND. "OUT OF THE ANGUISH
OF HIS SOUL HE SHALL SEE AND BE SATISFIED; BY HIS
KNOWLEDGE SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS ONE, MY SERVANT,
MAKE MANY TO BE ACCOUNTED RIGHTEOUS, AND HE SHALL
BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES. 12THEREFORE I WILL DIVIDE HIM A
PORTION WITH THE MANY, AND HE SHALL DIVIDE THE SPOIL
WITH THE STRONG, BECAUSE HE POURED OUT HIS SOUL
TO DEATH AND WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS;
YET HE BORE THE SIN OF MANY, AND MAKES INTERCESSION
FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS. —ISAIAH 53:10-12

WHAT THEN SHALL WE SAY WAS GAINED BY ABRAHAM, OUR FOREFATHER ACCORDING TO THE FLESH? FOR IF ABRAHAM WAS JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, HE HAS SOMETHING TO BOAST ABOUT, BUT NOT BEFORE GOD. FOR WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." ... FOR THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM AND HIS OFFSPRING THAT HE WOULD BE HEIR OF THE WORLD DID NOT COME THROUGH THE LAW BUT THROUGH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH... FOTHAT IS WHY IT DEPENDS ON FAITH, IN ORDER THAT THE PROMISE MAY REST ON GRACE AND BE GUARANTEED TO ALL HIS OFFSPRING—NOT ONLY TO THE ADHERENT OF THE LAW BUT ALSO TO THE ONE WHO SHARES THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM, WHO IS THE FATHER OF US ALL,

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17AS IT IS WRITTEN, "I HAVE MADE YOU THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS"—IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GOD IN WHOM HE BELIEVED, WHO GIVES LIFE TO THE DEAD AND CALLS INTO EXISTENCE THE THINGS THAT DO NOT EXIST... 22THAT IS WHY HIS FAITH WAS "COUNTED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." 23BUT THE WORDS "IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM" WERE NOT WRITTEN FOR HIS SAKE ALONE, 24BUT FOR OURS ALSO. IT WILL BE COUNTED TO US WHO BELIEVE IN HIM WHO RAISED FROM THE DEAD JESUS OUR LORD, 25WHO WAS DELIVERED UP FOR OUR TRESPASSES AND RAISED FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION. —ROMANS 4:1-3, 13, 16-17, 22-25

FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. —2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

"WE CANNOT SEE THE CROSS AS SOMETHING THAT IS DONE FOR US UNTIL WE SEE THE CROSS AS SOMETHING DONE BY US." —JOHN STOTT

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BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT.

—I PETER 2:9

FOR WE KNOW, BROTHERS LOVED BY GOD,
THAT HE HAS CHOSEN YOU. —I THESSALONIANS 1:4

3BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
WHO HAS BLESSED US IN CHRIST WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL
BLESSING IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES, 4EVEN AS HE CHOSE US
IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE
SHOULD BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS BEFORE HIM. —EPHESIANS 1:3-4

"THE WHOLE ORDINANCE WAS MEANT TO KEEP FRESH IN OUR MEMORY THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS AND THE SATISFACTION WHICH THAT SACRIFICE MADE FOR THE SIN OF THE WORLD... TO BE A VISIBLE SERMON APPEALING TO THE BELIEVER'S SENSES AND TEACHING THE OLD FOUNDATION TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL—THAT CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IS THE LIFE OF MAN'S SOUL."—J.C. RYLE

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I\*AND WHEN THE HOUR CAME, HE RECLINED AT TABLE,
AND THE APOSTLES WITH HIM. I\*5AND HE SAID TO THEM,
"I HAVE EARNESTLY DESIRED TO EAT THIS PASSOVER WITH YOU
BEFORE I SUFFER. I\*FOR I TELL YOU I WILL NOT EAT IT UNTIL
IT IS FULFILLED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD." I\*7AND HE TOOK
A CUP, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS HE SAID, "TAKE THIS,
AND DIVIDE IT AMONG YOURSELVES. I\*FOR I TELL YOU THAT FROM
NOW ON I WILL NOT DRINK OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINE UNTIL
THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMES." I\*9AND HE TOOK BREAD,
AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT AND GAVE IT
TO THEM, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." 20AND LIKEWISE THE CUP
AFTER THEY HAD EATEN, SAYING, "THIS CUP THAT IS POURED OUT
FOR YOU IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD." —LUKE 22:14-20

18KNOWING THAT YOU WERE RANSOMED FROM THE FUTILE WAYS INHERITED FROM YOUR FOREFATHERS, NOT WITH PERISHABLE THINGS SUCH AS SILVER OR GOLD, 19BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, LIKE THAT OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH OR SPOT.

20HE WAS FOREKNOWN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD BUT WAS MADE MANIFEST IN THE LAST TIMES FOR THE SAKE OF YOU 21WHO THROUGH HIM ARE BELIEVERS IN GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD AND GAVE HIM GLORY, SO THAT YOUR FAITH AND HOPE ARE IN GOD. —1 PETER 1:18-21

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"GOD GRADES ON THE CROSS NOT ON THE CURVE." —ADRIAN ROGERS TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEVES HIM WHO SENT ME HAS ETERNAL LIFE. HE DOES NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT, BUT HAS PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE. —JOHN 5:24

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"FOREVER LET US BLESS GOD THAT OUR GREAT REDEEMER'S DEATH IS A FACT BEYOND ALL DISPUTE. THE CENTURION WHO STOOD BY THE CROSS, THE FRIENDS WHO TOOK OUT THE NAILS AND LAID THE BODY IN THE GRAVE, THE WOMEN WHO STOOD BY AND BEHELD, THE PRIEST WHO SEALED UP THE GRAVE, THE SOLDIERS WHO GUARDED THE SEPULCHER—ALL WERE WITNESSES THAT JESUS ACTUALLY WAS DEAD...

THE GREAT SACRIFICE WAS REALLY OFFERED. THE LIFE OF THE LAMB WAS ACTUALLY TAKEN AWAY. THE PENALTY DUE TO SIN HAS ACTUALLY BEEN DISCHARGED BY OUR DIVINE SUBSTITUTE. SINNERS BELIEVING IN JESUS MAY HOPE AND NOT BE AFRAID. IN THEMSELVES THEY ARE GUILTY BUT CHRIST HAS DIED FOR THE UNGODLY AND THEIR DEBT IS NOW COMPLETELY PAID."

—J.C. RYLE