

## ***Thoughts on Good Friday***

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*Good Friday is here. It reminds us of how blessed we are to have a God who did not spare expenses to reach us, to make us right with Him.*

*If you want to get a good grasp of the message of Good Friday, start by reading chapter 53 in Isaiah. It's a long one but so worth it to read it. Read it slowly and marvel at the fact that this was written hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Yet it was written with a precision of an eye witness. How blessed we are to have a God who knew what He was doing down to the last detail.*

*Another good scripture to read pertaining to Good Friday is Matthew 27:32–54. And about the ninth hour (three o'clock) Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? [leaving Me helpless, forsaking and failing Me in My need]? (Matthew 27:46)*

*But it had to be done. Jesus did not only carry our sins on the cross. He also experienced the abandonment of God so we don't ever have to experience it. Read that again. Jesus was forsaken so you don't ever have to be. You are free to approach God anytime you want. And you can rest assured that God will never forsake you. God will never leave you. He will be with you every day of your life.*

*All this because Jesus died willingly on the cross. Nobody could have taken His life but He released His spirit for us. Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. (Matthew 27:50)*

*Jesus wanted to die for our sins. He wanted to sacrifice Himself for us so we could be united with God forever and ever. How blessed we are to have a God who did all this for us.*

*Jesus saith unto him,  
I am the way,  
the truth,  
and the life:  
no man cometh unto the Father,  
but by me.*

*John 14:6*

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