

## **JESUS EXPERIENCED SPIRITUAL SUFFERING**

**The Son of God left heaven's glory, became a man, and ministered in a suffering world. Jesus ministered to all types of physical, mental, emotional, psychological, and spiritual problems in the lives of people. Jesus demonstrated His ability and willingness to deal with each kind of problem. Jesus also suffered as a man in all areas just as we do. Jesus experienced intense physical pain of cruel torture and physical death. Jesus experienced personal rejection to the point of religious leaders plotting to kill Him. Jesus experienced loneliness as He was misunderstood even by His apostles. Jesus also experienced spiritual persecution. Satan tempted Him unmercifully for forty days and tried to defeat Him throughout His ministry. And Jesus experienced a spiritual suffering of an intense nature while on the Cross. For three hours on the Cross sin tortured Jesus. All our sin was laid on Him by His knowledge of all sin being against God. Jesus is God. Sin administered abuse to our Savior in every way possible and the Savior condemned sin by His sufferings. Sin said, "This is the heir, let us kill Him, that the inheritance may be ours," and sin slew Him, and cast Him out of the vineyard. Sin is now known to be the cruel and detestable thing which God has always declared it to be. Because of this worst act of sin, all heaven and earth knows that sin deserves to be removed from all creation. For three hours God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. For three hours it felt to Jesus as if the Father had forsaken Him yet He knew**

**that the Father was at work fulfilling all Scripture and watching over the Son who He loves. The one act of righteousness that brought redemption to fruition was the act of Jesus dying sinless, thus condemning sin to the utmost. The Father raised Jesus from the dead giving Him all power and authority to remove sin from all creation, and in particular to remove sin from the born again believer in Him. The law was powerless to remove sin in us due to our sinful nature, but God sent Jesus to be the sin offering. Jesus died sinless condemning sin to the utmost. Jesus was humanity's God given substitute for Adam whereby the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who are born again and live by the Spirit.**

**Key Sources: Romans 5:18; 8:3    Isaiah 53:11**

**The true gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation. When the real Jesus is allowed to stand up and be seen, lost sinners have a better opportunity to respond in the appropriate way and be saved to new life in Christ.**