

# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, THE SON OF MAN

**MATTHEW 16:13-18 & MARK 8:31**

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS"**

*LIFE COMES WITH INSTRUCTIONS*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

***Good Friday, Atonement, Salvation, Lamb of God***

**Introduction to Good Friday**

***Warning: Read Instructions Before Starting***

There seems to be something almost insulting to our intellect if we are reduced to having to read the instructions!

***Reading The Instructions - Is for the Other Guy***

***But In The End***

***"When All Else Fails, Read The Instructions"***

When It Comes To The Events That God Has Ordered,  
The Bible Alone is the "Life Manuel"  
for Each and Every Human Being

It's Not The Bible and Some Other Book(s)  
It's Not Jesus and Some Other Prophet(s)

**Heb. 1:1-2**

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*,

**and when Jesus spoke, this is what He had to say...**

**Matt. 16:13-18**

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" :14 ¶ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." :15 ¶ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" :16 ¶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." :17 ¶ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. :18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**Mark 8:31**

From that time... Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - BEGIN AT STEP 1**

**I.) *Open your mind to the life that Jesus Christ lived***

*Why? - Because...*

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - BEGIN AT STEP 1**

***The life that Jesus lived...***

**a.) *Was a life questioned for what He had said***

*Why? - Because On This Friday in History...*

The Combination of God's Word to Man  
was coming together...

**Matt. 12:39-40**

But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. :40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**John 2:18-21**

So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" :19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." :20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" :21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. :22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - BEGIN AT STEP 1**

*The life that Jesus lived...*

**b.) Was a life *known* for what He had done**

**John 3:1-2**

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. :2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - BEGIN AT STEP 1**

*The life that Jesus lived...*

**c.) Was a life *manifested* for the sake of the world**

**John 20:30-31**

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; :31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**John 12:31-33**

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. :32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself.” :33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - PERFORM STEP 2**

**II.) *Believe in your heart the Biblical account;***

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - PERFORM STEP 2**

***Believe in you heart...***

**a.) *Because the Bible says - Jesus had to suffer***

**The Bible Says That...**

**Rom. 5:5-6**

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. :6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

**1Pet. 3:18**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God,

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - PERFORM STEP 2**

***Believe in you heart...***

**b.) *Because the Bible says - Jesus was mankind's Savior***

**The Bible Says That...**

**1Cor. 15:1-4**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, :2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. :3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, :4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - PERFORM STEP 2

*Believe in you heart...*

**c.) *Because the Bible says - Jesus came to die***

### The Bible Says That...

#### Mark 10:32-34

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: **:33** "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; **:34** and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

#### John 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. **:15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

#### John 18:37

For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world...

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

**III.) *Look to the Cross and see God's salvation***

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - DO STEP 3

*Look to the Cross...*

**a.) *It was there that God was appearing***

#### John 3:14-15

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **:15** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Heb. 12:2**

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - DO STEP 3**

***Look to the Cross...***

***b.) It was there that God was working***

**1Cor. 6:20**

For you were bought at a price;

**Rev. 1:5b**

...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

**Acts 26:18**

to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God,

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - DO STEP 3**

***Look to the Cross...***

***c.) It was there that God was announcing***

**John 3:15-18**

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**Matt. 11:27-29**

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. :28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. :30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - COMPLETE STEP 4

### **IV.) Put your faith in Jesus Christ**

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - COMPLETE STEP 4

### **Put your faith...**

#### **a.) In God's plan to re-create your life**

**2Cor. 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**Ezek. 36:26**

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - COMPLETE STEP 4

### **Put your faith...**

#### **b.) In God's plan to redirect your life**

**Ezek. 36:27**

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.

**Psa. 139:23-24**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; :24 And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

## WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS: - COMPLETE STEP 4

### **Put your faith...**

#### **c.) In God's plan to resurrect your life**

**John 11:25-26**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. :26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

**To Celebrate Our Fellowship with Him,  
We Enter Into Communion with Him**