



THE APOSTLES' CREED





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“We all respond differently to Jesus’ story, but the story itself does not change. The same Jesus, born of Mary and condemned by Pilate, is always at the center. All the church’s practices and institutions are ultimately attempts to respond to that person. All the mysteries of faith are rooted in the events of history. That is why one of history’s villains, Pontius Pilate, lives in the memory of the church and will be confessed until the end of the world whenever a person is baptized into the way of Jesus.”

- Ben Myers, *The Apostles’ Creed*



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“Jesus descended to the lowest rung on the social ladder... though he possessed the highest honor, he embraced the worst disgrace. The world was saved by Jesus’ shame: that is the scandalous message of the cross.”

- Ben Myers, *The Apostles’ Creed*



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.



⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;



...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



**At our worst, God gave us
his best!**



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³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.



***“God does not love us because Christ died for us;
Christ died for us because God loved us.”***

- John Stott



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**Jesus was buried, therefore you can
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28And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. **29**And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.



“Where others see only defeat, Jesus’ followers see a paradoxical victory. Where others see only contamination, we see the sanctification of human nature. Where others see only darkness and despair, we see broken gates. Where others see an end, we see new beginnings.

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Death is serious: but not as serious as life. It has been placed in a wider context of meaning. We bury our dead under the sign of the cross. We lay our bones to rest not in horror but in peace. The dominant sound at a Christian funeral is not mourning but the singing of praise.”

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