

# Good Friday: Songs & Scriptures On The Way To The Cross

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## Song: Who is This So Weak and Helpless?

1 Who is this, so weak and helpless, child of lowly Hebrew maid, rudely in a stable sheltered, coldly in a manger laid? 'Tis the Lord of all creation, who this wondrous path has trod; he is God from everlasting, and to everlasting God.

2 Who is this, a Man of Sorrows, walking sadly life's hard way, homeless, weary, sighing, weeping over sin and Satan's sway? 'Tis our God, our glorious Savior, who above the starry sky is for us a place preparing, where no tear can dim the eye.

3 Who is this? Behold him shedding drops of blood upon the ground! Who is this, despised, rejected, mocked, insulted, beaten, bound? 'Tis our God, who gifts and graces on his church is pouring down; who shall smite in holy vengeance all his foes beneath his throne.

4 Who is this that hangs there dying while the rude world scoffs and scorns, numbered with the malefactors, torn with nails, and crowned with thorns? 'Tis our God, who lives forever 'mid the shining ones on high, in the glorious golden city, reigning everlastingly.

## Scripture: Betrayal and Rejection: (John 13:12-30, 15:18-27)

**John 13:12–20** [12] *When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? [13] You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. [16] Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. [17] If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. [18] I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ [19] I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. [20] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”*

**John 15:18–27** [18] *“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. [19] If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. [20] Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. [21] But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. [22] If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. [23] Whoever hates me hates my Father also. [24] If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. [25] But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’ [26] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. [27] And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.*

## **Song: Man of Sorrows, What a Name**

1 Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood, sealed my pardon with his  
blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

3 Guilty, helpless, lost were we; spotless Lamb of God was he, Full atonement can it be?:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

4 He was lifted up was He to die; "It is finished" was his cry; now in heaven exalted high:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

5 When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll  
sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

## **Scripture: Trial and Mocking (John 18:28-19:15)**

**John 18:28–40** [28] *Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. [29] So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" [30] They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." [31] Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." [32] This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. [33] So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" [34] Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" [35] Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" [36] Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." [37] Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." [38] Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. [39] But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" [40] They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.*

**John 19:1–15** [1] *Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. [2] And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. [3] They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. [4] Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." [5] So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" [6] When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." [7] The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." [8] When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. [9] He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. [10] So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" [11] Jesus*

answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." [12] From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." [13] So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. [14] Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" [15] They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

### **Song: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?  
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;  
many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

### **Scripture: Crucifixion (John 19:16-24)**

**John 19:16–24** [16] So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, [17] and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. [18] There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. [19] Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." [20] Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. [21] So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" [22] Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." [23] When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, [24] so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things...

### **Song: Oh Come and Mourn With Me Awhile**

1. O come and mourn with me awhile, O come ye to the Savior's side  
O come, together let us mourn, Jesus our Lord is crucified.

2. Seven times He spake seven words of love; And all three hours His silence cried  
For mercy on the souls of men; Jesus our Lord is crucified.

*Chorus: O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act Your strength is tried;  
And victory remains with love; Jesus our Lord is crucified!*

3. O break, O break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self-love and guilty pride  
His Pilate and His Judas were: Jesus our Lord is crucified.

4. A broken heart, a fount of tears, Ask, and they will not be denied;  
A broken heart love's cradle is: Jesus our Lord is crucified.

*Chorus (x2)*

Tag: And victory remains with love; Jesus our Lord is crucified!

### **Scripture: Committal and Death (Luke 23:46-49, John 19:28-37, 19:38-42)**

**Luke 23:46–49** [46] *Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. [47] Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" [48] And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. [49] And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.*

**John 19:28–37** [28] *After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." [29] A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. [31] Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. [32] So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. [33] But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34] But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. [35] He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. [36] For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." [37] And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."*

**John 19:38–42** [38] *After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. [39] Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. [40] So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. [41] Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in*

*the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. [42] So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.*

**Song: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed**

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,  
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

5 But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

**Song of Reflection: God Rested (Andrew Peterson)**

So they took His body down, The man who said He was the resurrection and the life  
Was lifeless on the ground, The sky was red as blood along the blade of night  
As the sabbath fell they shrouded Him in linen, they dressed Him like a wound  
The rich man and the women, they laid Him in the tomb

Six days shall you labor, the seventh is the Lord's  
In six He made the earth and all the heavens  
But He rested on the seventh...God rested  
He said that it was finished and the seventh day, He blessed it...God rested

So they laid their hopes away, They buried all their dreams about the kingdom He proclaimed  
And they sealed them in the grave, As a holy silence fell on all Jerusalem  
But the Pharisees were restless, Pilate had no peace  
And Peter's heart was reckless, Mary couldn't sleep  
But God rested

Six days shall you labor, the seventh is the Lord's  
In six He made the earth and all the heavens  
But He rested on the seventh...God rested  
He worked till it was finished and the seventh day, He blessed it  
He said that it was good and the seventh day, He blessed it...God rested

The sun went down, the sabbath faded  
The holy day was done and all creation waited....