

## THE REWARD OF HIS SUFFERING

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### Our visit to Israel and to the dungeon of Caiaphas

- **Matthew 26:57, 67-68 NIV** *Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled...Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"*



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Read Psalm 88, lights turned off, sang "Jesus, Jesus, there's just something about that name"

- Few dry eyes
- **Psalm 88:1-9, 18 NIV**  
*You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them. I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief...You have taken my companions and loved ones from me; the darkness is my closest friend. NIV*

1. Appreciate the **intensity** of Jesus' suffering.

2. Grasp the **purpose** of Jesus' suffering.

### Revelation 5:6-12 NIV

*Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain...*

*And they sang a new song:*

*"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation..."*

### 3. **Win** for the Lamb the reward of His suffering.

Story of first Moravian missionaries

"May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering." (*Moravian call to missions*)

**Philippians 2:5-11** *Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NLT*

#### **May the lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering**

Two young Moravians heard of an island in the West Indies where an atheist British owner had 2000-3000 slaves, and the owner had said, "No preacher, no clergyman will ever step foot on this Island. If he's shipwrecked we'll keep him in a separate house until he has to leave, but he's never going to talk to any of us about God. I'm through with all that nonsense."

3000 slaves from the jungles of Africa brought to an island in the Atlantic and there to live and die without hearing of Christ. Two young Moravians heard about it. They sold themselves to the British planter and used the money to buy passage to the island, for he paid no more than he would pay for any slave and wouldn't transport them. And as the ship left the pier at the river Hamburg, the Moravians had come to see the two young lads off. Never to return again for this wasn't a 4 year term. They'd sold themselves into lifelong slavery, simply that as slaves, they could be as Christians were these others were. The families were there weeping for they knew they'd never see them again. And as the gap widened and the hawsers were being curled up on the pier, and the young boys saw the widening gap. One lad, his arm linked through the arm of his fellow raised his hand and shouted across the gap the last words that were ever heard from them... They were these:

**MAY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN RECEIVE THE REWARD OF HIS SUFFERING.**

This became the call of Moravian missions, and this is the only reason for being, that the lamb that was slain, may receive the reward of His suffering.

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