

# *I Will See You Again*

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**1** Knowing the true meaning of Communion is very important and we must really *understand* what it means to us.

**2** The story of the sacrifice is to be *reviewed* and *recalled* as today we commemorate what Jesus did for the world to give everyone the opportunity to escape the wrath of Almighty God coming on a rebellious world.

**3** Jesus could have by-passed the agony, the pain, and the humiliation—He could easily have escaped the cross, but in an act of *No Greater Love*, He showed the world His intense and unconditional love for everyone.

**4** His divine love for us is so sincere that He was able to carry through with the will of the Father.

**5** In so doing, He paid the price for *all sin* of *all people* of *all ages*. AV **John 3:14** “*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*”

**6** **15** *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*”

**7** Let us be reminded of the *story* and the *sacrifice* Jesus made for us that day at Calvary.

**8** The flickering light from a candle in the Upper Room that night is a reminder—Jesus “*Was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world*” NKJV **John 1:9**.

**9** That Light would momentarily be put out, but soon after that all changed. By the divine power of Almighty God, the “*Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it*” **John 1:5** WEY.

**10** Just hours before Jesus endures the mocking, the scourging, the criticism, and the cross, He was speaking about seeing His friends again—and that He would *not* actually leave them but still be *with* them in Spirit. “*I will see you again,*” He assured.

**11** After eating a meal, they sang a hymn, and went out into the darkness.

**12** It was almost midnight when they passed the Lower Pool and the Gate—walking slowly, in silence, and deep in thought.

**13** Reaching Gethsemane, they look across the valley toward Jerusalem—pondering all that had taken place—the crowds proclaiming, “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*”

**14** And soon after shouting, “*Crucify Him!*” “*Crucify Him!*” Judas then going out into the night to betray the Master for thirty pieces of silver!

**15** What was it all about? Why was this happening? Had God planned it all?

**16** Was there no other way to accomplish what God wanted to accomplish? Was there no other plan to pay the price to atone for the billions of sins in the world?

**17** Then we realize—atonement for the world’s sins could not be achieved *except* there be a perfect Blood sacrifice offered to a holy God.

**18** There is simply no other way. Jesus would have to bear the entire weight of the world’s sins on Himself.

**19** It is why Jesus prayed “*Father, if it be Thy will, take this cup away from me; yet not my will but Thine be done!*” WEY **Luke 22:42**.

**20** AV **43** “*And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.*”

**21** The stillness of the moment is broken by voices and approaching guards. A flickering torch comes into view—soldiers; a lantern; priests, and a *traitor*! “*Greetings, Rabbi!*” and *kissed Him*” **Matthew 26:49**.

**22** Being identified, Jesus is seized, bound by ropes, and led off to a mock trial and brutal execution.

**23** The disciples look on in shock—what is happening! Why doesn’t Jesus’ call for angels as a back-up!

**24** The murmur of voices and the crackling of twigs fades into the night once again.

**25** Simon suddenly realizes the *gravity* of it all and recalls the *words* of the Master “*This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: ‘I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered’*” **Matthew 26:31**.

**26** He stumbles down the hill, passed the Mount of Olives, across the brook, and up the hill to Jerusalem.

**27** Three *questions*; three *denials*; and a *look* from the Master—how *weak* the human spirit can be—how disloyal the heart really is! Who can know it?

**28** Simon’s reply “*I do not know the Man*” haunts his memory. He had so quickly forgotten the call of his Master: “*Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.*”

**29** He had turned his back on the only One who could save his soul.

**30** Simon had so easily put aside the miracles; the walk on water; and the healing by the pool—but the Master’s words keep coming back to remind him and to also assure him—“*I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers*” **Luke 22:31-32.**

**31** [Hymn 145 vs 3] *My conscience felt and owned the guilt, And plunged me in despair; I saw my sins His blood had spilt, And helped to nail Him there* Unquote.

**32** In pondering all that had taken place, and all that he had said, Simon was troubled with questions—Could he help anyone else when he couldn’t help himself?

**33** Could he be an example when he had denied the Savior three times? Could he make things right after he had done so wrong?

**34** [Hymn 145 vs 4] *A second look He gave, which said, ‘I freely all forgive: This blood is for your ransom paid, I die that you may live’* Unquote.

**35** With the Lord’s help, Simon would turn back—he would begin again and this time encourage his companions with the Savior’s own words.

**36** **AV John 15:13** “*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*”

**37** There was no other way for Jesus to pay the price for the sins of the world; there would be no last-minute reprieve from the emperor; no public defender to uphold His civic rights; and no clemency be shown.

**38** Instead, the official—“*Had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Jesus away into the Praetorium and called together the whole company of soldiers.*

**39** “*They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on*

*him. And they began to call out to him, ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’*

**40** “*Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him—and fell on their knees pretending to worship.*

**41** “*And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him*” **Mark 15:15-20.**

**42** It was *not* a pretty sight; it was *not* an easy road; and it was *not* a minor debt Jesus paid for the sins of the world—

**43** but out of *His great love for us* He took our place for us and paid the price to save our soul!

**44** “*It was the third hour when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

**45** *They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left*” **Mark 15:25-27.**

**46** Too late for any change—and before the sun set, Jesus was dead and placed in a tomb.

**47** Mary knew He would not stay in it, but she had to see—her *doubts* said she would *weep* but her *faith* said she would *worship*—the Master, alive!

**48** When He says, “*Mary!*” **AV John 20:16** she is startled, but she knew that everything she had believed about Jesus was true!

**49** She whispers *loud*, “*Rabboni!*” God’s plan was in place—Jesus *obeyed* the Father, *took* our place, and *paid* our debt.

**50** Now we only have to *turn back* to God; *repent* of our sins; *forgive* all who have harmed us; and then *follow* our Savior by the power of His Spirit—

**51** **NIV Colossians 3:13** “*Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*” No greater love was ever shown; no great plan ever completed!

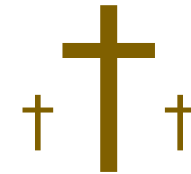
**52** We must never *look back*; never *go back*; and never *move away* from the life of Christ!

**53** The debt is *paid* and the way is *open* to enter God’s throne of grace. “*Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life*” **Romans 6:4.**

**54** Jesus will see us again—because His sacrifice made us “*dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus,*” **Romans 6:11.**

**55** We can be *with Him* forever—never to be separated from Him again—ever!

**56** It can *be* this way through our *believing* Him and *trusting* Him. He is ready to say—**AV Luke 23:43**, “*To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*”



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