

# To Know Jesus

But we all, with opened face, **beholding** as in a glass the **glory of the Lord**, are being changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as **by the Spirit** of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

## *Beautiful Jesus*



It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us,

1. **our confidence in Him will be more constant**, (faith)
2. **our love will be quickened**, (more love) and we shall
3. **be more deeply imbued with His spirit**.

If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross.

Desire of Ages p. 83

As we do hold the relation of kinship to Him, with what tenderness should we regard those who are brethren and sisters of our Lord

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It is in working to spread the good news of salvation that we are brought near to the Savior.

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NOTE: As a result of beholding Jesus, we will have more faith, more love and more of the Holy Spirit.

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*A DIRE NEED OF A TRANSFORMATION OF CHARACTER*

Every Bible student in our school should study these prophecies with diligence. As we search the Scriptures, the character of Christ will appear in its infinite perfection. He is the One in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. He is eternal life to all who will eat His flesh and drink His blood. Those who will look to Him may be healed of the serpent’s sting; for He is the Sinbearer, the only remedy for sin. **By beholding Him, we may become changed into the same image.** Nothing must interpose between the soul and God. Faith, love, adoration, are to grow in the soul of the student. We are in possession of the richest treasures of truth, and if we follow on to know the Lord, we shall have a large field in which to work. {Ms75-1899.10}

The Lord is soon to come. There must be a refining, winnowing process in every church, for there are among us wicked men who do not love the truth or honor God. **There is need of a transformation of character.....**{Lt15-1892.10} **...It is by loving Him, copying Him, depending wholly upon Him, that you are to be transformed into His likeness.** {SC 70.2}

## **Beautiful Jesus-Description**

### **From Desire of Ages**

1. Emptied Himself
2. Servant
3. Greatness
4. Majesty
5. Drew near to sorrowful and tempted ones

### **AS A CHILD**

6. Obedient
7. Doing good
8. Healing all who were afflicted by Satan
9. Beauty of character
10. His heart yearns over us
11. He longs to shield us
12. Strong and healthy body conforming to nature`s law
13. His mind active and penetrating
14. Singing Psalms and heavenly songs
15. Shunned display

### **THE PASSOVER VISIT**

16. Modesty
17. Grace
18. Helping hands
19. He anticipated wants
20. His voice serious and earnest

### **DAYS OF CONFLICT**

21. Divinity flashing through humanity
22. Helping those who needed help
23. Cheerful pity
24. He relieved suffering
25. Acts of mercy
26. He treated His brothers with unfailing kindness
27. Dignity

28. Individuality
29. His life condemned evil
30. Did not retaliate when roughly treated
31. Respect and love for His mother
32. He shared burden
33. Love, kindness, goodness

### **THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS (John the Baptist)**

34. His life of purity and faithfulness
35. Controlled appetites and passions
36. Majesty of holiness
37. He longed to save.
  - Manifested honesty and fidelity

### **THE BAPTISM**

38. Suffering and patient endurance

### **THE TEMPTATION**

39. Fasting and prayer
40. Set people free
41. Glory and peace
42. Rested in His Father`s love
43. Wisdom and strength

### **THE VICTORY**

44. Trust and submission
45. A Rewarder
46. His heart goes out in sympathy

### **WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAS**

47. He comforted, encouraged and blessed
48. Unutterable love
49. Humility
50. Grace and truth
51. Sympathized with men

### **AT THE MARRIAGE FEAST**

- 52. Tender dutiful son
- 53. He manifested an interest in the secular affairs of men

### **IN HIS TEMPLE**

- 54. Indignation of authority and power manifested in His countenance
- 55. Looks at fleeing men with yearning pity
- 56. Spoke with authority of a King in His appearance and tone of His voice could not be resisted
- 57. Love and sympathy
- 58. Energizing presence

### **NICODEMUS**

- 59. Humble Nazarene
- 60. Receiving the poor
- 61. Healing the sick
- 62. People flooded to hear Him
- 63. Wants to find the key to the heart of men

### **AT JACOB'S WELL**

- 64. Wants to satisfy the hunger and thirsts of the soul
- 65. He was a friend pitying and loving
- 66. Spoke no words of denunciation
- 67. Benevolence
- 68. Treated people with kindness and sympathy
- 69. Wants to bless us

### **BETHESDA AND THE SANHEDRIN**

- 70. He longed to exercise His healing power and deliver
- 71. His words like balm to a wounded soul
- 72. He healed diseases and comforted their sorrow

## **IMPRISONMENT AND DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

73. The Saviour`s heart goes out in sympathy

## **IS NOT THIS THE CARPENTER`S SON?**

74. His impressive manners and wonderful import

75. Spotless integrity

76. Mercy

77. He delights in mercy

78. Christ longed

79. Spotless integrity

80. Could dispense with outward show

81. Blameless life, sincerity

## **THE CALL BY THE SEA**

82. Infinite purity

83. Self-renunciation. Dependence on divine power

84. Taught with authority

## **AT CAPERNAUM**

85. Language pure, refine and simple

86. Voice like music

87. His teaching was simple

88. Tender compassion

89. Faithful tender Friend

90. Beautiful countenance

91. He heard the heart`s unspoken appeal

## **THOU CANST MAKE ME CLEAN**

92. He longed to reach the priest and rulers

93. He drew individual to Himself

94. Gentle dignity of His manners

## **LEVI-MATTHEW**

95. Social kindness



### **HE ORDAINED TWELVE**

- 96. Would not tell secrets
- 97. Deals tenderly with Judas

### **THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

- 98. He rose above the slights, rebuffs and annoyances
- 99. His joy was in blessing humanity

### **THE CENTURION**

- 100. Compassion for the widow
- 101. His heart full of kindness. He appreciated tender regards in the family circle. Wife to husband, brothers to sisters, parents to children and vice versa
- 102. He was full of grief

### **WHO ARE MY BRETHREN?**

- 103. Exceeding tenderness
- 104. His sensitive nature was tortured. His motives were misunderstood and His work uncomprehended

### **THE INVITATION**

- 105. He was meek and lowly in heart
- 106. Never elated by applause or dejected by censure
- 107. He was of good courage

### **PEACE BE STILL**

- 108. All day teaching and healing
- 109. No trace of fear

### **THE TOUCH OF FAITH**

- 110. Spoke words of comfort
- 111. Talked gently

### **THE FIRST EVANGELISTS**

- 112. Greatest tact and kind attention, never rude
- 113. His word with power
- 114. In all our afflictions He is afflicted

### **COME REST AWHILE**

- 115. Christ is full of tenderness and compassion for all in His service.
- 116. He corrected the errors of His disciples and need not speak in parables and made plain to them the right way of approaching the people
- 117. He found comfort and joy in communion with His Father

### **GIVE YE THEM TO EAT**

- 118. His heart was stirred with sympathy for the hungry multitude
- 119. Though robbed of His rest, He was not impatient
- 120. His words were gracious, so simple and so plain
- 121. He was just as thoughtful of their temporal necessity
- 122. He had a tender care for the people
- 123. His presence brought abiding comfort

### **A NIGHT ON THE LAKE**

- 124. He makes no effort to attract attention to Himself or secure honour
- 125. The modesty of Christ
- 126. His manners are so decisive
- 127. Kingly bearing
- 128. With travail and conflict of soul He prayed
- 129. Deepest solicitude

### **THE CRISIS IN GALILEE**

- 130. His reassuring words
- 131. He made Himself of no reputation
- 132. A yearning heart

### **BARRIERS BROKEN DOWN**

133. Pitying Saviour

134. A compassion that He could not hide

### **THE TRUE SIGN**

135. He healed them all

### **THE FORESHADOWING OF THE CROSS**

136. Jesus knew the anguish that would come to Him

137. Christ was sad at the conflict awaiting His disciples

138. Jesus did not count heaven a place to be desired while we were lost

### **HE WAS TRANSFIGURED**

139. With strong crying and tears

140. His heart was longing for His disciples

141. Christ stands in godlike majesty

### **MINISTRY**

142. He was in solitude while on earth

143. Extreme glory and humiliation

144. His word brought consolation

### **WHO IS THE GREATEST**

145. He had a delicate touch and finest sensibility

### **THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES**

146. His goodness and mercy

147. He warned His followers

### **AMONG SNARES**

148. Humble appearance of Jesus

### **THE LIGHT OF LIFE**

149. The blind man`s eyes rested upon the loving and peaceful countenance of Jesus

### **THE DIVINE SHEPHERD**

150. The distress of everyone touches His heart

151. Tender sympathizing heart and the hand that was pierced is ever ready to bless

### **THE LAST JOURNEY FROM GALILEE**

152. Ever showing mercy

### **THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

153. But the Saviour entered into no controversy

154. He presented truth to dispel darkness

### **BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

155. Jesus lover of children

156. Jesus knows the burden of every mother`s heart

157. He is touched by a mother`s sorrow and willing to give comfort and help

158. He did not use one unkind discourteous expression

159. The Lord will give fathers and mothers grace to interest their children in the story of the babe of Bethlehem

160. His heart is drawn out to all children especially to those who have by inheritance objectionable traits of character

### **ONE THING THOU LACKEST**

161. Very tenderly Jesus received the young ruler

162. He never sacrificed truth but uttered it in love.

163. The joy of seeing souls redeemed, souls eternally saved, is the reward of all that put their feet in the footprints of Jesus, who said, "Follow me."

## "LAZARUS, COME FORTH"

164. The Saviour blessed all who sought His help.
165. Jesus had no home of His own; He was dependant on the hospitality of His friends and disciples.
166. When weary and thirsting for human fellowship He found peace in the home of Lazarus
167. Our Saviour appreciated a quiet home and interested listeners. He longed for human tenderness, courtesy and affection.
168. Jesus desired men to realize more fully the regard that God bestows on the human instrumentalities He has created.
169. Jesus answered Martha with mild and patient words.
170. Jesus had strong affection for the family of Bethany
171. As long as I(Jesus) do His(the Father) will my life is safe.
172. During this time Jesus had the guardianship of heavenly angels
173. He felt every pang of anguish and sorrow that the sisters felt.
174. He tarried, that by raising Lazarus form the dead, He might give to His stubborn, unbelieving people another evidence that He was the resurrection and life.
175. His heart was breaking because of their impenitence. In His mercy He purposed to give them one more evidence that He was the Restorer
176. On His way to Bethany, Jesus, according to His custom, ministered to the sick and needy.
177. In Jesus` expressive face Martha read the same tenderness and love that had always been there.
178. With human and divine pity, Jesus looked into Martha`s sorrowful careworn face.
179. Christ could have stripped the Jews from their robe of pretended sorrow. But He restrained His righteous indignation because of the loved one kneeling at His feet in sorrow, who truly believed in Him.

180. Jesus wept. His tender, pitying heart is ever awakened to sympathy by suffering.
181. In His tears there was a sorrow as the heavens are higher than the earth. He wept because of those who were planning His death.
182. The weight of the grief of ages was upon Him.
183. His heart was pierced with the pain of the human family of all ages and in all lands. The woes of the sinful race were heavy upon His soul. He longed to relieve all their distress.
184. Christ reproved Martha, but His words were spoken with the utmost gentleness.
185. Calmly Christ stands before the tomb.
186. It was with faith and prayer that He wrought His miracles.
187. His voice, clear and penetrating, pierces the ear of the dead.
188. In His face, which is lighted up by the glory of God, the people see the assurance of His power.

### **PRIESTLY PLOTTINGS**

189. The miracles He performed on the Sabbath were all for the relief of the afflicted.
190. His example of self-denial and disinterested benevolence was before them. His life of purity, of suffering and devotion was known to all.
191. His life by the priest had been one of persecution and insult. He who was ever touched by human woe, who healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and speech to the dumb, who fed the hungry and comforted the sorrowful was driven from the people He had laboured to save.

### **THE LAW OF THE NEW KINGDOM**

192. Jesus bears tenderly with the disciples
193. He will not rebuke, but deepen and purify.
194. Christ called men not to authority, but to service, the strong to bear the infirmities of the weak.

## ZACCHAEUS

195. The report of One who had borne Himself with kindness and courtesy toward the proscribed classes, had spread far and wide.
196. Zacchaeus had been overwhelmed of the condescension of Christ in stooping to him, so unworthy.

## THE FEAST AT SIMON`S HOUSE

197. Jesus had pardoned Mary Magdelene`s sins and had brought relief to her mind.
198. Jesus was gladdened with the assurance of her faith and her love.
199. Christ values acts of heartfelt courtesy. When one did Him a favour, with heavenly politeness He blessed the actor.
200. Christ delighted in the earnest desire of Mary to do the will of her Lord.
201. The matchless excellence of the character of Christ filled her soul.
202. The disciples` expression of their love for Him would be pleasing to Christ.
203. In the gift of Jesus, God gave all heaven.
204. God`s Son must act in God`s way with compassion, tenderness and mercy.
205. The Saviour`s heart is grieved when His children neglect to show their gratitude to Him by words and deeds of love.
206. Simon was touched by the kindness of Jesus in not openly rebuking him before the guests and became a lowly sacrificing disciple.
207. Seven times Mary had heard Jesus` rebuke of the demons. She had heard His strong cries to the Father in her behalf. She knew how offensive sin is to His unsullied purity.
208. The plan of redemption has invested humanity with great possibilities.

209. The souls that turn to Him for refuge, Jesus lifts above the accusing and the strife of tongues. No man or evil angel can impeach these souls.

### **"THEY KING COMETH"**

210. The animal on which He rode was that ridden by the kings of Israel.

211. No train of mourning captives, as trophies of kingly valour, made a feature at that scene, but those He had healed were the glorious trophies of His labours of love for sinful man.

212. Widows and orphans were exalting the name of Jesus for His works of mercy to them.

213. His eyes filled with tears, and His body rock to and fro like a tree before the tempest, while a wail of anguish bursts from His quivering lips, as if from the depths of a broken heart. What a sight was this for the angels to behold! Their loved Commander in an agony of tears| Israel's King in tears of insuppressible agony.

214. His was no selfish sorrow. It was the sight of Jerusalem that pierced the heart of Jesus.

215. Jesus wept over the beloved city. How can I give thee up?

### **A DOOMED PEOPLE**

216. Christ`s act in cursing the fig tree had astonished the disciples, unlike His ways and works. They had known Him as the Restorer, the Healer.

217. But it is in mercy and love that He lifts the veil from the future, and reveals to men the results of a course of sin.

218. Jesus had come to Israel hungering to find in them the fruits of righteousness, compassion, zeal for God, and a deep yearning of soul for the salvation of their fellowman.

219. Christ s act in cursing the fig tree stands as a warning to all churches and to all Christians.



220. He declares that the open sinner is less guilty than is he who professes to serve God, but who bears no fruit to His glory.

221. Christ is shedding bitter tears for you and me.

### **THE TEMPLE CLEANSED AGAIN**

222. His stern and Godlike demeanour had struck terror to the hearts of the scheming traders.

223. The sacredness of the sacrificial service had been a great measure destroyed.

224. Jesus stood before them with the majesty of heaven's King with a dignity and glory He had never manifested before.

225. Christ spoke with a power that swayed the people like a mighty tempest, His voice like a trumpet and the displeasure of His countenance seemed like a consuming fire.

226. There were none who dared question His authority.

227. Again the temple court was filled with the sick and the dying, and once more Jesus ministered to them. And the children were foremost in rejoicing.

228. The Majesty of heaven, without adornment of display, His garments were travel-stained. His face was pale, and expressed a patient sadness; yet written there were dignity and benevolence.

229. In His contest with the rabbis, it was not Christ's purpose to humiliate His opponents. He was not glad to see them in a hard place.

230. Looking with pity upon them, He sought by every mean in His power to make plain to them the nature of the deed they were about to do.

231. Those who trust in Him, He never disappoints. He has endured the pressure of Adam's guilt, and the guilt of his posterity, and has come off more than conqueror of the powers of evil.

232. Without the life of Christ in us, we cannot withstand the storms of temptations.

## CONTROVERSY

233. Christ testifies to a future life beyond the present, to God as a Father of the children of men, ever watchful of their true interests.
234. God counts the things that are not, as though they were. He sees the end from the beginning, and beholds the result of His work as though it were now accomplished  
There will be a close and tender relationship between God and the risen saints.

## WOES ON THE PHARISEES

235. Jesus, the young Galilean, stood calmly before the priests, with the dignity of a king. He looked unflinchingly upon His adversaries.
236. People were charmed by His teaching.
237. The expressive countenance, the speaking eye, will testify to the blameless character of the one who loves and honours the word of God.
238. In such plain words the Saviour revealed the selfish ambition of His opponents.
239. This hypocrisy, Christ declared would bring them the greater damnation.
240. Jesus reads every purpose of the heart.
241. Christ unsparingly condemned abuses, but He was careful not to lessen obligation.
242. The listeners shuddered. Never was the impression made by His word and His look to be effaced.
243. Keen and searching had been His denunciation of sin; but He spoke no words of retaliation. He had a holy wrath against the prince of darkness, but He manifested no irritated temper.
244. Divine pity marked the countenance of the Son of God.
245. This is the separation struggle from Jerusalem. In the lamentation of Christ the very heart of God is pouring itself

forth. It is the mysterious farewell of the longsuffering love of the Deity,

### **IN THE OUTER COURT**

246. The outworking in them of Christ`s own character and spirit, is His reward and will be His joy throughout eternity.

247. Christ was already drinking the cup of bitterness. His humanity shrank from the hour of abandonment; He would be deserted by God. When all would see Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. He shrank from public exposure, of being treated as the worst of criminals, from a shameful and dishonoured death.

248. A foreboding of His conflict with the powers of darkness, a sense of the awful burden of human transgressions and the Father`s wrath because of sin, caused the spirit of Jesus to faint, and the pallor of death to overspread His countenance

249. The Majesty of heaven consented to suffer as the Sin Bearer to glorify His Father`s name.

250. The defaced image of God will be restored in humanity.

### **ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES**

251. Christ has given signs of His coming. He declares that we may know when He is near, even at the door.

### **THE LEAST OF THESE, MY BRETHREN**

252. He identifies Himself with every child of humanity.

253. God is no respecter of person. He has an equal care for all the souls He has created.

254. The chief Shepherd will minister to those who ministers to others.

255. He will fulfill all His promises. They will burn in our hearts, and kindle upon our lips.

### **A SERVANT OF SERVANTS**

256. The interview between Jesus and His disciples were usually seasons of calm, joy, highly prized by all.
257. Jesus was troubled, His heart burdened, something weighed heavily upon His mind. The disciples sympathized with His grief.
258. He did not think of Himself. His care for His disciples was uppermost in His mind.
259. The contention about who would be the greatest carried on in the presence of Christ, grieved and wounded Him.
260. They understood His unspoken rebuke.
261. Jesus had a full consciousness of His divinity yet He had taken the form of a servant and washed the disciples' feet.
262. How grievous to Him is our evil temper, our vanity and pride.
263. Christ did not distract from His divinity.
264. Sin is seen in the light in which God views it.
265. Jesus longed for the soul of Judas. "How can I give thee up?"

### **IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**

266. In the treatment of Judas, Christ wanted His disciples to consider as to the patience and mercy of God toward the most grievously erring.
267. In the death of Christ, we owe even the bread we eat.

### **LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED**

268. Christ looked upon the disciples with divine love and with tenderest sympathy and He would have joy in glorifying the Father`s name.
269. The Saviour was deeply anxious for His disciples to understand for what purpose His divinity was united to humanity.
270. His perfect humanity is what all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was.
271. Because of the imputed righteousness of Christ His followers are accounted precious.

272. The Lord will teach us our duty. He will speak His mysteries to us personally.
273. By His spirit, the Saviour would be accessible to all. In the sense He would be nearer to them if He had not ascended on high. Sin would be resisted and overcome through the mighty agency of the Holy Spirit.
274. His voice was heard in a song of praise, the joyful notes of the Passover hallel.
275. As they began to descend toward the mount, Jesus in a tone of deepest sadness.
276. God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion of His own character.
277. Christ rejoices that He can do more for His followers than they can ask or think.
278. Christ did not fail neither was He discouraged and His followers are to manifest a faith of the same enduring nature.

### **GETHSEMANE**

279. He had a heart full of sorrow. His last agony.
280. Never before had the disciples seen Him so sad and silent. His sadness deepened. His steps were with laboured effort.
281. As the substitute and surety for sinful man, Christ was suffering under divine justice. His soul was filled with dread of separation from God.
282. The heart of Jesus longed for sympathy in His suffering.
283. He would have been comforted and relieved by the steadfast faith of His disciples.
284. Jesus' faith was not change by anguish
285. The weakness of the disciples awakened the sympathy of Jesus
286. They saw His face marked with the bloody sweat of agony.
287. The humanity of the Son of God trembled in that trying hour. Jesus now prayed for His own tempted, agonized soul.

288. He sees that the transgressors left to themselves will perish. His decision is made He will save man at any cost to Himself.
289. God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Saviour`s agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of Satanic forces
290. After receiving help from the angel, Christ`s agony did not cease, but His depression and discouragement left Him.
291. He had tasted the sufferings of death for every man.
292. The disciples saw the angel lift the Saviour`s head upon his bosom, and point toward heaven. They heard the angel`s voice like sweetest music, speaking words of comfort and hope
293. Jesus had the opportunity to escape, but He remained calm and self-possessed.
294. Jesus saw how weak was the faith of His disciples, and He sought to shield them from temptation and trial. For them He was ready to sacrifice Himself.
295. His voice trembled with sorrow as He added, "Judas betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss."
296. With dignity He talked to the priests.

### **BEFORE ANNAS AND THE COURT OF CAIAPHAS**

297. The Saviour was in bonds and closely guarded and He moved painfully.
298. Jesus spoke no burning word of retaliation. His calm answer came from a heart sinless, patient and gentle that would not be provoked.
299. Christ suffered keenly under abuse and insult. He suffered in proportion to the perfection of His holiness and His hatred of sin.
300. He who could have doomed His enemies to death but He bore with their cruelty.
301. He was calm and serene with a noble, dignified, meek and majestic bearing.

302. Patiently Jesus listened to the conflicting testimonies and for a moment His divinity flashed through His guise of humanity.
303. Peter was drawn to his Master`s gentle countenance and read a deep pity and sorrow, but there was no anger there.

### JUDAS

304. The love of mammon overbalanced his love for Christ.
305. He witnessed the Saviour`s mighty works in healing the sick, casting out devils and raising the dead.
306. Judas cultivated a disposition to criticize and accuse.

### IN PILATE`S JUDGMENT HALL

307. Pilate looked upon Jesus and had never seen a man bearing marks of such goodness and nobility.
308. Jesus` face had no sign of guilt, no expression of fear, no boldness and defiance
309. Pilate saw a man of calm and dignified bearing, whose countenance bore not the marks of a criminal, but the signature of heaven
310. Jesus whole bearing gave evidence of conscious innocence. He stood unmoved by the fury of the waves that beat about Him.
311. Jesus stood silent, but His silence was eloquence. It was a light shining from the inner to the outer man.
312. Herod saw the serene face of the world`s Redeemer, he read in it only wisdom and purity.
313. Yet Jesus` divine patience failed not.
314. Every feature of Jesus expressed gentleness and resignation and the tenderest pity for His cruel foes.
315. Pilate was filled with amazement at the uncomplaining patience of the Saviour.
316. The Roman governor was moved with sympathy for the suffering prisoner, (Jesus) who, condemned and scourged,

with bleeding brow and lacerated back, still had the bearing of a king upon his throne.

317. The pitying Saviour, in the midst of His intense suffering and grief, excused as far as possible the act of the Roman governor who gave Him up to be crucified.
318. Pilate looked upon the Saviour. In the vast sea of upturned faces, His alone was peaceful. About His head a soft light seemed to shine.

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319. Jesus prayed for His enemies.
320. Christ pitied them in their ignorance and guilt
321. As the dying thief cast himself upon a dying Saviour, quickly the answer came, soft and melodious, the tone full of love, compassion, and power the words: Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.
322. Christ's position between the thieves was to indicate that He was the greatest criminal of the three.
323. With amazement the angels beheld the infinite love of Jesus, who, suffering the most intense agony of others, and encouraged the penitent soul to believe.
324. O pitiful, loving Saviour; amid all His physical pain and mental anguish, He had a thoughtful care for His mother.
325. He remembered to provide for His sorrowing, widowed mother. The same spirit will be seen in every disciple of our Lord.
326. His suffering was from a sense of the malignity of sin, a knowledge that through familiarity with evil, man had become blinded to its enormity.
327. The wrath of God against sin, the terrible manifestation of His displeasure because of iniquity, filled the soul of His Son with consternation.
328. But now with the terrible weight of guilt He bears He cannot see the Father's reconciling face. The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of



supreme anguish pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man. So great was His agony that His physical pain was hardly felt.

329. In the thick darkness, God veiled the last human agony of His Son and the face of Christ revealed serenity, benevolence - the image of God.

### **IT IS FINISHED**

330. Rebellion was not to be overcome by force.

331. Time was given for the working of Satan's principles, that they might be seen by the heavenly universe.

332. Jesus was prevented by every possible way to develop a perfect childhood, a faultless manhood, a holy ministry, and an unblemished sacrifice.

### **IN JOSEPH'S TOMB**

333. As water and blood flowed from His side, Christ died of a broken heart. His heart was broken by mental anguish. He was slain by the sin of the world.

334. The disciples' faith had perished; but never had they loved their Lord as now. Never before had they so felt His worth, and their need of His presence.

### **"THE LORD IS RISEN"**

335. Christ came forth from the tomb glorified and the Roman guard beheld Him.

336. As Christ arose, He brought from the grave a multitude of captives.

### **"WHY WEEPEST THOU?"**

337. Peter's shameful denial of the Saviour was ever before him. To him Jesus gave the assurance that his repentance is accepted and his sin forgiven. He is mentioned by name.

338. Christ 'first work on earth after His resurrection was to convince His disciples of His undiminished love and tender regard for them.

### **THE WALK TO EMMAUS**

339. Jesus longed to comfort the two disciples. He knew their hearts were bound with Him in love, and He longed to wipe away their tears and fill them with joy and gladness. But He must first give them lessons they would never forget by comparing the prophecies of the Old Testament with the history of the New.

340. Gladly Jesus would enter the humblest home, and cheer the lowliest heart. But if men are too indifferent to think of the heavenly guest, or ask Him to abide with them, He passes on.

### **"PEACE BE UNTO YOU"**

341. He breathed unto them, and saith receive ye the Holy Spirit.

342. Toward those who fall into sin, the church has a duty, to warn, to instruct, and if possible to restore.

343. Jesus did not overwhelm Thomas with reproach, nor did He enter into controversy with him. He revealed Himself to the doubting one. Thomas had been most unreasonable in dictating the conditions of his faith, but Jesus, by His generous love and consideration, broke down all the barriers. Unbelief is seldom overcome by controversy. It is rather put upon self-defence and finds new support and excuse.

344. Let Jesus and His love and mercy, be revealed as the crucified Saviour, and from many once unwilling lips will be heard the acknowledgement of Thomas, "My Lord and my God.

### **BY THE SEA ONCE MORE**

345. By Jesus` instruction, the disciples had become elevated, intelligent and refined.
346. As the disciples had toiled all night, the lone watcher upon the shore followed them with His eye, while He Himself was unseen.
347. In dealing with Peter, Jesus taught His disciples to meet the transgressor with patience, sympathy and forgiving love.

### **GO TEACH ALL NATIONS**

348. The first offer of mercy must be made to the murderers of the Saviour.
349. The disciples were to have the same power which Jesus had to heal "all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."
350. They would testify of His power of healing of the soul.
351. Jesus told His disciples, "Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe, but know that my presence will be there. Labour in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you. This includes all believers in Christ to the end of time."
352. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.
353. He turned away none who came to receive His healing power.
354. It is our work to present the sick and suffering to Christ in the arms of faith. We should teach them to believe in the great Healer.
355. We should lay hold of His promise, and pray for the manifestation of His power.
356. The very essence of the gospel is restoration, and the Saviour would have us bid the sick, the hopeless and the afflicted take hold upon His strength.
357. Angels marvel at man`s shallow appreciation of the love of God. How would a mother or father feel if their child, lost in the cold and the snow, had been passed by, and left to perish, by those who might have saved it?

358. Those whose course have been most offensive to Him He freely accepts when they repent.
359. Christ is waiting for His portrait in every disciple.
360. His holiness, meekness, and truth, are to be manifested in the world.
361. Christ desires to make man free, pure and holy.

### **TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER**

362. Jesus tarried on earth for a season, that His disciples might become familiar with Him in His risen and glorified body.
363. They could think of Him as glorified before the heavenly universe.
364. Jesus spent the time in conversation with them, repeating His former instruction
365. Jesus upbraided them not for their faults and failures; words of the deepest tenderness were the last that fell upon their ears from the lips of their Lord.
366. When the disciples went back to Jerusalem, their faces were aglow with a happiness not born of earth.
367. The disciples knew that they had a friend at the throne of God, and they were eager to present their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus.
368. All heaven was waiting to welcome the Saviour to the celestial courts. As He ascended, He led the way, the multitude of captives set free at His resurrection followed.

***THE FATHER'S ARMS ENCIRCLE HIS SON, AND THE WORD IS GIVEN, "LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM".***

