

# The True Meaning of the Crucifixion

## From Jesus in A Course in Miracles [Sparkly]

These teachings are for anyone who wants to receive a reinterpretation of the Crucifixion that is without sin, guilt, shame, sacrifice, blood, betrayal or fear.

**“Let us not spend this holy week brooding on the crucifixion of God’s Son, but happily in the celebration of his release. For Easter is the sign of peace, not pain. A slain Christ has no meaning. But a RISEN Christ becomes the symbol of the Son of God’s forgiveness on himself; the sign he looks upon himself as healed and whole.”**

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*Either our Christ is slain or Risen but can't be both.*

*Either he is a body or a Son/Soul, can't be both.*

*Resurrection showed how Jesus saw himself.*

*His demonstration during CRUX showed who he thought he was, and others were.*

*Love and only Love. [defenceless, forgiveness, reparation]]]*

*We have to see the crucifixion properly, before we can see beyond it to His True Message.*

**“There is a positive interpretation of the crucifixion which is wholly devoid of fear, and therefore wholly benign in what it teaches, if it is properly understood. The crucifixion is nothing more than an extreme example. Its value, like the value of any teaching device, lies solely in the kind of learning it facilitates. It can be, and has been, misunderstood. But this is only because the fearful are apt to perceive fearfully.**

***I have already told you that you can always call on me to share my decision, and thus make it stronger. I have also told you that the crucifixion was the last useless journey the Sonship need take, and that it represents release from fear to anyone who understands it. While I emphasized only the resurrection before, the purpose of the crucifixion and how it actually led to the resurrection was not clarified then. Nevertheless, it has a definite contribution to make to your own life, and if you will consider it without fear, it will help you understand your own role as a teacher.”***

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- EXTREME EXAMPLE....that MEANS THAT WE CAN HANDLE AND DEAL WITH FAR LESS.
- Crucifixion led to Resurrection..... only reason why it matters
- Last useless journey | He wants no one to suffer anymore
- But we must choose to align with a RISEN christ in order to see that we don't need to suffer AND how not too..
- We are here to be teachers...teachers of Love, we will learn more about that later

Jesus was NOT this body that was tortured and persecuted. | back to who is He? To us?



Jesus says: **“The message which the crucifixion was intended to teach was that it is not necessary to perceive any form of assault as persecution, because you cannot be persecuted.”** p119

1. His body assaulted but HE was not. HE was not persecuted.
2. He saw self as the Self beyond body  
And encouraging us to do the same thing

I believe this is HOW He could be defenseless during torture.....

He saw BEYOND the body and onto God's invulnerable Son in himself and others.

In a course in miracles Jesus wants us to focus on WHO CHRIST IS..... and let Christ point us to his TRUE message that is in our own hearts.

## The TRUE Message of the Crucifixion

We are told. “Jesus died for our sins”	Jesus in ACIM tells us to: “Teach only love for that is what you are”
<p>If he wasn't a body, which he was not, he couldn't have died for our sins. This couldn't have been his message because HE did not die....</p> <p>If this is J's message..... then he did a poor job dying and a poor job taking everyone's sin away - says Tom</p> <p><b>“He offered us all a final demonstration it is impossible to kill God's Son; nor can his life in any way be changed by sin and evil, malice, fear or death. And therefore all your sins have been forgiven you because they carried no effects at all. And so they were but dreams.”</b></p> <p>All our sins have been forgiven in his demonstration, but they are not forgiven through death... they were forgiven because they were unreal, and He forgave even before his death!</p> <p>Sin is really a mistake, it is us “Missing the mark”...there are no threat connotations on it.</p> <p>He forgives us “we know not what we do”</p> <p><b>“Assault can ultimately be made only on the body. There is little doubt that one body can assault another and can even destroy it. But if destruction itself is impossible, then anything that is</b></p>	<p>J says his <u>true</u> message of the crucifixion is to “Teach only Love for that is what you ARE.”</p> <p>Let's look deeper at Jesus's demonstrations of Love during Crucifixion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defencelessness</li> <li>2. Forgiveness: Forgive them for they know not what they do</li> <li>3. No condemnation or blame or fear (restoration of others/ gave only love)</li> </ol> <p>This IS Love. This IS what He is And what WE are.</p> <p><b>“Teach not that I died in vain. Teach rather that I did not die by demonstrating that I live in you. For the undoing of the crucifixion of God's Son is the work of the redemption, in which everyone has a part of equal value.”</b> p249</p> <p>ie. Embody that defenselessness, forgiveness, giving only love attitude. Accept that you are a Son not a body. LIVE IN US!! RISEN!</p> <p>Jesus corrects disciples' mistakes in this section. He relays to us WHY his gospel is Love and to Teach Only Love and why the disciples got it wrong.</p>



**destructible cannot be real.” p119**

Why He could forgive bc knew destruction not real...so his body not real.

**“This world is a picture of the crucifixion of God’s Son. And until you realize that God’s Son cannot be crucified, this is the world you will see. But you will not realize this until you accept the eternal fact that God’s Son is not guilty. He deserves only love because he has given only love. He cannot be condemned because he has never condemned. The Atonement is the final lesson he need learn, for it teaches him that, never having sinned, he has no need of salvation.” p 279**

Relates His journey to us... if He is not crucified, neither do we need be.

**“The journey to the cross should be the last “useless journey.” Do not dwell upon it, but dismiss it as accomplished. If you can accept it as your own last useless journey, you are also free to join my resurrection. Until you do so your life is indeed wasted. It merely re-enacts the separation, the loss of power, the futile attempts of the ego at reparation, and finally the crucifixion of the body, or death. Such repetitions are endless until they are voluntarily given up. Do not make the pathetic error of “clinging to the old rugged cross.” The only message of the crucifixion is that you can overcome the cross. Until then you are free to crucify yourself as often as you choose. This is not the gospel I intended to offer you. We have another journey to undertake, and if you will read these lessons carefully they will help prepare you to undertake it.” p66**

Overcome the cross  
Don’t cling to the rugged cross....

Defenselessness is hands open.....not clinging... Jesus was defenceless....and just wanted to get beyond this part. We should want to get beyond it too.

**“Remember that the Holy Spirit is the communication link between God the Father and His separated Sons. If you will listen to His Voice, you will know that you cannot either hurt or BE hurt, and that many need your blessing to help them hear this for themselves. When you perceive ONLY this need in them, and do not respond to ANY other, you will have learned of me, and will be as eager to share your learning as I am. The crucifixion CANNOT be shared because it is the symbol of projection, but the resurrection is the symbol of SHARING because the re-awakening of every Son of God is necessary to enable the Sonship to know its wholeness. Only this IS knowledge. PAUSE.**

**The message of the crucifixion is perfectly clear:**

**“Teach ONLY love, for that is what you ARE.”**

**If you interpret the crucifixion in any other way, you are using it as a weapon for assault rather than as the call for peace for which it was intended. PAUSE**

**The Apostles often misunderstood it, and always for the same reason that makes anyone misunderstand anything. Their own imperfect love made them vulnerable to projection, and out of their own fear they spoke of the “wrath of God” as His retaliatory weapon. Nor could they speak of the crucifixion entirely without anger because their own sense of guilt had MADE them angry.**

**There are two glaring examples of upside-down thinking in the New Testament, whose whole gospel is ONLY the message of love. These are not like the several slips into impatience which I made. I had learned the Atonement prayer, which I also came to teach, too well to engage in upside-down thinking myself.**

**If the Apostles had not felt guilty they**



*never could have quoted me as saying, “I come not to bring peace but a sword.” This is clearly the exact opposite of everything I taught. Nor could they have described my reactions to Judas as they did if they had really understood me. They would have realized I COULD not have said, “Betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?” unless I BELIEVED in betrayal. The whole message of the crucifixion was simply that I did NOT.*

*The “punishment” which I am said to have called forth upon Judas was a similar reversal. Judas was my brother and a Son of God, as much a part of the Sonship as myself. Was it likely that I would condemn him when I was ready to demonstrate that condemnation is impossible? I am very grateful to the Apostles for their teaching and fully aware of the extent of their devotion to me.*

*Nevertheless, as you read their teachings, remember that I told them myself that there was much they would understand later because they were NOT wholly ready to follow me at the time. I emphasize this only because I do not want you to allow ANY fear to enter into the thought system toward which I am guiding you. I do NOT call for martyrs, but for TEACHERS. No-one is “punished” for sins, and the Sons of God are not sinners.” p121*

Pause and Pray.

***“I bless you, brother, with the love of God, which I would share with you. For I would learn the joyous lesson that there is no love but Gods and yours and mine and everyones.”*** Lesson 127

## **Did God allow Jesus to suffer? Betray his son?**

J says “God does not know the content of our dreams” Would a loving parent punish or allow pain towards their child who is having a bad dream? Of Course Not. Does does NOT Will suffering.

**“If the crucifixion is seen from an upside-down point of view, it certainly does appear as if God permitted and even encouraged one of His Sons to suffer**



because he was good. <sup>2</sup>Many very devoted ministers preach this every day. <sup>3</sup>This particularly unfortunate interpretation, which actually arose out of the combined projection of a large number of my own would-be followers, has led many people to be bitterly afraid of God. <sup>4</sup>This particularly anti-religious concept happens to enter into many religions, and this is neither by chance nor coincidence. <sup>5</sup>The real Christian would have to pause and ask, **“How could this be?”** <sup>6</sup>Is it likely that God Himself would be capable of the kind of thinking which His Own words have clearly stated is unworthy of His children? P47

Suffering, pain, death, punishment are unworthy of Gods Children.  
Gods children are worthy of only love

J's body was projected onto by brothers who *“knew not what they were doing”*...  
It has nothing to do with God.

J needs us to understand he was not punished by God...or betrayed by him...and neither are we...and we will NOT be asked to crucify ourselves like Jesus.

***“You are not asked to be crucified, because that was part of my own teaching contribution. You are merely asked to follow my example in the face of much less extreme temptations to misperceive, and not to accept them falsely as justifications for anger. There can be no justification for the unjustifiable. Do not believe there is, and do not teach that there is. Remember always that what you believe you will teach. Believe with me, and we will become equal as teachers.”***

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Believe with Jesus that suffering and pain are NOT of God, but that YOU are of Him. Refuse to accept any kind of suffering as real for anyone, and you will be free of it yourself and help others to be free of it too.

***“If you will accept yourself as God created you, you will be incapable of suffering. Yet to do this, you must acknowledge Him as your Creator. This is not because you will be punished otherwise. It is merely because your acknowledgment of your Father IS the acknowledgment of yourself as you are. Your Father created you wholly without sin, wholly without pain, and wholly without suffering of any kind. If you deny Him you bring sin, pain and suffering into your OWN mind because of the power He gave it. Your mind is capable of creating worlds, but it can also deny what it creates because it is free.”***

## Did Jesus sacrifice for us?

Jesus needs us to know he did not sacrifice anything in his crux, he did his part in God's plan. That's all. AND it was the **“last foolish journey”** any of us needed to take. He was happy to do it because he knew he would resurrect and that is what he was here for; to demonstrate eternal life and happiness.

**“No sacrifice of any kind, of anyone, is asked by Him. In His Presence, the whole idea of sacrifice loses all meaning. For He is Host to God. And you need but invite**



**Him in Who is there ALREADY, by recognizing that His Host is One, and no thought alien to His Oneness can abide with Him there.” p374**

He needed to demonstrate to us that we can harm, hate, batter him, kill him and he will STILL love us and forgive us....because we cant actually harm HIM

If we focus on the sacrifice we miss the FORGIVENESS ....

Being afraid of having to sacrifice or lose something when we yes to God .....prevents us from our own Redemption + hearing his voice

**“He would only have you learn your own will and follow it, not in the spirit of sacrifice and submission, but in the gladness of freedom.” p249**

*Our own will is to see through the eyes of Christ, and to be happy...as that's God's Will for us. Happiness is freedom. Gladness is freedom. And we have the ability to look PAST the idea of sacrifice, and crucifixion and look ONTO the Truth.*

**“You have the vision to look past all illusions. It has been given you to see no thorns, no strangers, and no obstacles to peace. The fear of God is nothing to you now. Who is afraid to look upon illusions, knowing his savior stands beside him? With him, your vision has become the greatest power for the undoing of illusion that God Himself could give. For what God gave the Holy Spirit you have received. The Son of God looks unto you for his release. For you have asked for and been given the strength to look upon this final obstacle, and see no thorns or nails to crucify the Son of God and crown him king of death. Your chosen home is on the other side, beyond the veil. It has been carefully prepared for you, and it is ready to receive you now. You will not see it with the body's eyes.Yet all you need you have.” p481**

\*\*end of sacrifice on YT

## Now that we know this, what do we do??

We are still “dying for our sins” we are still suffering and feel separate and small and afraid and alone. We still feel these things because we have not yet changed our mind to think with God (Love). Jesus now needs us to GIVE our “sins” to him, so he can finally officially take them from us.

We first must look at (but not believe in) our sins/fear/guilt/ego....TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for our sins and let them be corrected NOW through His Holy Spirit.

J says to fix our eyes on what is true and **“dismiss the ego's thought system”** p283.

In this context it is saying to dismiss the fearful interpretations of the teaching that Jesus gave to us, let yourself lay down the cross and look forward and onwards to the Resurrection.

**“This week begins with palms and ends with lilies, the white and holy sign the Son of God is innocent. Let no dark sign of crucifixion intervene between the**



***journey and its purpose; between the acceptance of the truth and its expression. This week we celebrate life, not death. And we honor the perfect purity of the Son of God, and not his sins. Offer each other the gift of lilies, not the crown of thorns; the gift of love and not the “gift” of fear. You stand beside each other, thorns in one hand and lilies in the other, uncertain which to give. Join now with me and throw away the thorns, offering the lilies to replace them. This Easter, I would have the gift of your forgiveness offered by you to me, and returned by me to you.” p478***

---what are we forgiving Jesus for?  
For our misperceptions of HIM and HIS message.  
For seeing him as a body who can suffer and die  
For crucifying him ourselves in our thoughts  
For crucifying ourselves

Can join Him NOW! Invite him NOW! Let him come for dinner and sit on your couch and teach you anew! Join him in PEACE.

