

St. Mary's Holy Week Video Retreat: Day III – 2020

Began with Jesus as New Passover, New Bread of Face, New Manna. And now to Passion & Crucifixion Traditional Good Friday preaching on 7 Last Words of Christ . Today 7 Redeemings/Healings of Christ.

- I. Pilate and Herod: One cowardly, the other shallow
 - A. Pilate fearful for his career; Herod wants entertainment
 - B. And still signs of Satan in mockery, Accusers
 1. The accuser *of our brothers has been cast out by blood of Lamb* (Rev 12:10)
 2. Scourging and Cross: Reason for gruesome scenes in Gibson's Passion
 3. **Jesus takes all sin, suffering to himself that ever was, is, and will be**
 - C. Pilate = "Rome" – He's innocent

- II. Barabbas – "Son of the Father !!!! (23:18-25) **Redeeming Healing 1**
 - A. Murder Released Film Passion of the Christ – Pietro Sarubbi

- III. The Way of the Cross (23:26ff)
 - A. Simon of Cyrene – Gentile and Unwilling
 1. "Took hold of him / laying cross – But Jesus goes on ahead
 2. Redeeming & Healing??
 3. We can carry our cross kicking screaming or patiently/grace
 - B. Women of Jerusalem - *They mourned and lamented him.*
 1. He stops on Way –Calls them to pray **Redeeming Healing 2**
 2. He is green Tree of Life vs Dry wood of Adam & Eve's sin.

- IV. Crucifixion 23: 33-43 So simply stated
When they came to the place of the Skull they crucified him.
 - A. ***Father forgive them for they know not...*** **Redeeming/Healing 3**
 - B. Vv. 35-36 Crowd *sneered*, soldiers *jeered* -Satanic spirit of mockery

1. *"If you are Son of God":* Adam/Eve, Tempt in Desert & Now
2. Doubting God is temptation: discouragement , despair, ego
- C. Two Thieves – *Have you no fear of God? We justly condemned*
 1. *Jesus, Remember me....*Repentance and Conversion
 2. *This day you will be with me in Paradise*

Redeeming/Healing 4

- V. FOURTH CUP: More Recent Catholic writers take up
 - A. Jesus did not drink of the final (4th Cup) of the Passover
 - B. Until they approach with wine hanging, dying on Cross
 - C. New Passover is complete – Sacrifice and Meal, **HALLEL**

- VI. Death and Burial 23:44-49
 - A. Veil torn: New Access to God through Jesus FOR ALL
 - B. Sun darkened: **Through him all things were made**
 1. *Let there be light....Sun to rule the day*
 - C. Centurion – Crucifies Jesus then *This undoubtedly innocent man*
 - D. Conversion? **Redeeming/Healing 5???**
 - E. *Father, into your hands...He breathed his last (not died, gives spirit)*
 - F. Bystanders go home *beating their breasts.* = **Redeeming Healing 6**
 - G. Joseph of Arimathea – 1st fearful, secret follower, now public
 1. Even to Rome's Representative **Redeeming / Healing 7**

Newman 14th Station – JESUS, when He was nearest to His everlasting triumph, seemed to be farthest from triumphing. When He was nearest upon entering upon His kingdom, and exercising all power in heaven and earth, He was lying dead in a cave of the rock. He was wrapped round in burying-clothes, and confined within a sepulchre of stone, where He was soon to have a glorified spiritual body, which could penetrate all substances, go to and fro quicker than thought, and was about to ascend on high. Make us to trust in thee, O Jesus, that Thou wilt display in us a

similar providence. Make us sure, O Lord, that the greater is our distress, the nearer we are to Thee. The more men scorn us, the more Thou dost honour us. The more men insult over us, the higher Thou wilt exalt us. The more they forget us, the more Thou dost keep us in mind. The more they abandon us, the closer Thou wilt bring us to Thyself.

VII. Blessed Mother "*A sword will pierce your heart*".

A. "Stood with others at foot of the cross, as Mother, still gives *fiat*

In Passover, Passion, and Death, Jesus offered himself for you
In Passover, Passion and Death, He gave himself to you
And now this Good Friday He invites you to.....?

***Praised be Jesus Christ!
Now and Forever. Amen.***