

Good Friday 2023

"Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our
transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace
was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way,
But the LORD has caused the iniquity of
us all to fall on Him."
Isaiah 53:6

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John 19:1-30

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

Read by: Joan Sergi

John 19:1-30

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

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John 19:1-30

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

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John 19:1-30

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

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John 19:1-30

The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." So this is what the soldiers did.

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John 19:1-30

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Read by: Joan Serji

Son of Suffering

MATT REDMAN

SON OF SUFFERING

LYRIC VIDEO

"Jesus Went – Part 6"

A Hill to Die On^{*}



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* Adapted from a March 2016 message of the same title by Bill White (Pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Church)

The World's Hardest Mountains to Climb

- Cost
- Lack of Equipment and Supplies
- Physical Exertion
- Altitude Sickness
- Accidents and Injuries
- High Winds
- Lack of Oxygen
- Unfavorable Weather Conditions

<https://www.earthstrattractors.com/8-challenges-of-climbing-a-high-mountain/>

The World's Hardest Mountains to Climb

"It's not just height that makes a mountain mean. Different routes can make one side of a mountain a cinch and the other side nearly impossible. The weather can turn a technically easy climb into a deadly expedition..."^{*}

* <https://www.roughguides.com/article/hardest-mountains-to-climb/>

1. Annapurna, Nepal

Elevation: 8091m / 26,545 ft

By no means should a mountain's height be confused with its technical difficulty. Annapurna, in Nepal, the tenth highest peak in the world, is deadly proof. With an approximate 30-35% summit fatality rate, a mountaineer is more likely to die here than on any other 8,000m climb. There have been fewer than 200 successful summits of the mountain, and yet 61 people have lost their lives on its slopes.



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2. K2, China and Pakistan

Elevation: 8611m / 28,251 ft

The world's second highest mountain in the world is known to be one of the most technically difficult climbs in the world. It is about 800 feet lower than the Everest. But, as BBC documentary maker Mick Conefrey explains, "climbing Everest you have stretches that are steep, then it flattens off. Very little of K2 ever flattens off." It is also prone to avalanches and rock falls. The weather is terrible and unpredictable." Ascents of even the easiest route require crossing a complicated glacier.



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5. Mount Everest, Nepal and Tibet

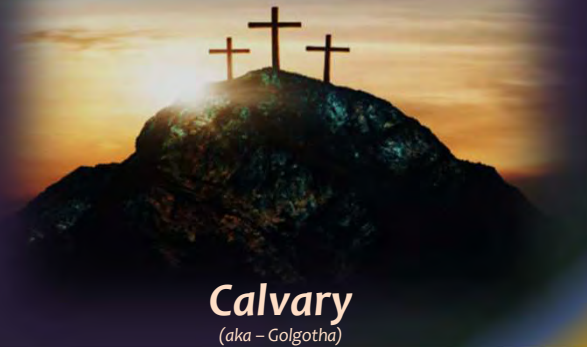
Elevation: 8848m / 29,032 ft

Surprised to see the world's tallest mountain in the middle of our list? Make no mistake, Everest is still a difficult climb. Weather and altitudes can be deadly, and avalanches have claimed dozens of lives in recent years. Everest's glory has faded somewhat with the mountain's commercialisation. While once it was a feat not many travellers could claim to have achieved, today's services enable climbers to hire local sherpas to lug their packs, employ chefs to prepare food, and even have a personal medic at Base Camp in case of injury.



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In reality, the most difficult mountain ever to climb was...



Calvary
(aka - Golgotha)

The Old Rugged Cross

**John 19:16-18**

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There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on each side, with Jesus in the middle.

Mark 15:16-24

Then the soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called the whole company together. They dressed Him in a purple robe, twisted together a crown of thorns, and set it on His head. And they began to salute Him:

"Hail, King of the Jews!"

They kept striking His head with a staff and spitting on Him. And they knelt down and bowed before Him. After they had mocked Him, they removed the purple robe and put His own clothes back on Him.

Then they led Him out to crucify Him.

Mark 15:16-24

Now Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and the soldiers forced him to carry the cross of Jesus.

They brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha, which means The Place of the Skull. There they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it.

And they crucified Him.

**Numbers 20:8-13**

Take the staff; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it shall yield its water. So you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and have the congregation and their livestock drink.

So Moses took the staff from before the Lord, just as He had commanded him; and Moses and Aaron summoned the assembly in front of the rock. And he said to them,

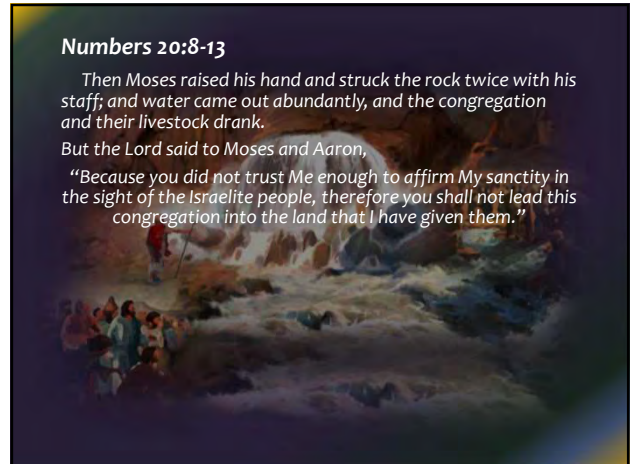
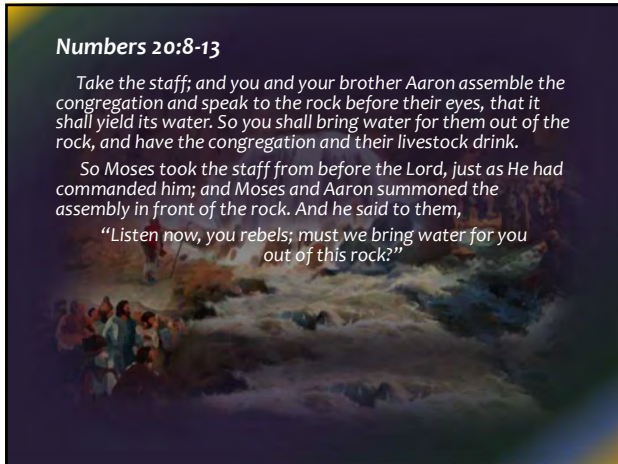
“Listen now, you rebels; must we bring water for you out of this rock?”

Numbers 20:8-13

Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their livestock drank.

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,

“Because you did not trust Me enough to affirm My sanctity in the sight of the Israelite people, therefore you shall not lead this congregation into the land that I have given them.”

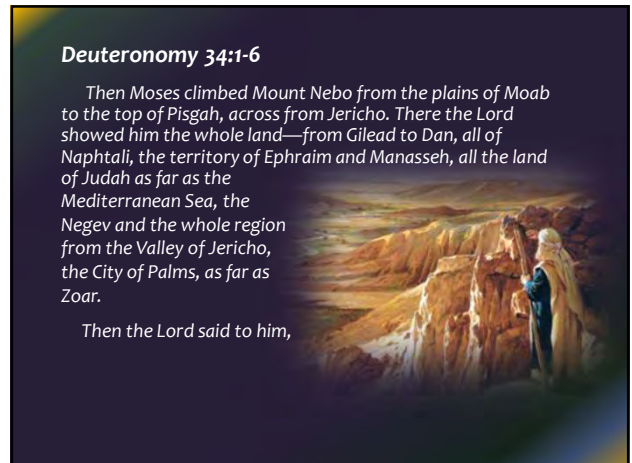
**1 Corinthians 10:11**

“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written down for our instruction, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.”

**Deuteronomy 34:1-6**

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

Then the Lord said to him,



Deuteronomy 34:1-6

"This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.'

**I have let you see it with your eyes,
but you will not cross over into it."**

And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.



**I have let you see it with your eyes,
but you will not cross over into it.**

Unfair!

Hebrews 3:5 –

"Now Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house..."



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Numbers 12:3 –

"Now Moses was a very humble man, more so than any man on the face of the earth..."



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Exodus 32:11-14 –

But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God saying, "Lord, why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out...' Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people..."



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but you will not cross over into it.**

So, why??

- He let frustration prevail?
- He disobeyed God?
struck vs spoke to the rock
- He didn't give God the credit?
- He didn't fully trust God?
- His actions misrepresented God?



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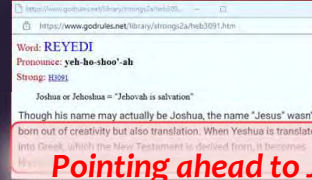
Joshua 1:1-2 -

"After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 'Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.'"



I have let you see it with your eyes,
but you will not cross over into it.

- "The Lord is Salvation!"



Pointing ahead to Jesus!



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Joshua... **Pointing ahead to Jesus!**

NOT Moses! **Representing the Law!**

**... will bring God's people into
the Promised Land!**

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"For the law was given through Moses,
but grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ."

John 1:17

I have let you see it with your eyes,
but you will not cross over into it.

"For we know that no one is justified by the
works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ."

Galatians 2:16

I have let you see it with your eyes,
but you will not cross over into it.

"Whoever keeps the whole law yet stumbles
at just one point is guilty of breaking it all."

James 2:10

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but you will not cross over into it.

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And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab...”



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Matthew 17:2-3 – “He was transfigured before them... and with Him there appeared Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus...”



“All our righteousness is as filthy rags!”
Isaiah 64:6

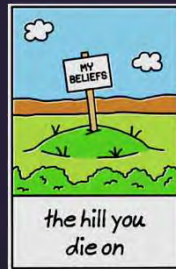
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“it was for the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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Because...

He went out

We can "go in!"



At Calvary
(Casting Crowns)

**Years I spent in vanity and pride
Caring not my Lord was crucified
Knowing not it was for me He died
At Calvary**



*Do this in remembrance
of Me!*



Turn Your Eyes

