



My Saviour Knew

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Every year in the lead up to Good Friday, I see posts on social media mocking Jesus. Many times I've come across cartoon drawings or jokes, portraying Jesus as some sort of unknowing simpleton who has no idea what's about to happen to Him in regards to the Crucifixion.

The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ however, was carefully thought out and planned by God, millenniums before mankind ever existed. Christ's death was part of God's plan for man from the very beginning as He knew we would need saving from the consequences of our own sin. As we're told in Acts 2:23,

"This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross."

There are many Scriptures which show us that Jesus Himself predicted His own death and identified His betrayer Judas, long before Crucifixion Day. To paint Jesus, the Creator of the Universe as oblivious and unaware is, ironically, a very foolish and uninformed thing to do.

While I respect the God-given free-will everyone has to choose whether or not to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour, I do find it heartbreaking to see the Man who died on our behalf, ridiculed by the very people He died for.

I find it equally upsetting to see the most powerful moment in history reduced to nothing more than a point of mockery. The moment when God Himself made it possible for mankind to be united once more with their Creator. It could be said that this position of disregard is perhaps a sad reflection, and mere echo of the scornful insults, spat at Jesus on Crucifixion Day.

While I didn't ever outrightly mock the Crucifixion of Jesus, I know there were times in my youth when I didn't grasp the power, magnitude or beauty of Christ's sacrifice. I'm grateful that followers of Jesus still shared His love with me and I know I'm included in the words of Romans 5:6-8 which read,

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

It's for this reason that I wrote my poem, "My Saviour Knew," with the intention of appealing to the heart of the non-believer. The tone isn't intended to be aggressive or angry. Rather, my prayer for this poem is that it may inspire the one who mocks Jesus to just take a moment, step back and reconsider their position.

Whether or not they choose to look deeper into what Jesus actually achieved through His planned Crucifixion is up to them but may we never be in any doubt as to the intelligence of Christ, His commitment to saving His creation and His heart of love for the lost souls of mankind.

I hear your words of mockery and scornful ridicule,
Perhaps you think it's humorous to paint Christ as a fool.
I don't know if your disregard comes from a place of hate
But either way, I'd like to share some things to contemplate.

The Maker of the Universe is not naive or slow.
You speak of His betrayal as if He didn't know.
Every year at Easter I hear this foolish view.
Before you say another word, please know, my Saviour knew.

Jesus knew His purpose, He knew why He had come.
He came not to condemn the world but save it as God's Son!
Jesus wasn't ignorant, He knew He'd be betrayed
And yet His love for me and you is why my Saviour stayed!



My Saviour knew His mission, to win for us our pardon
And Jesus knew *exactly* who'd betray Him in that garden.
My Saviour was aware of all trials on the way
And knew the pain He'd have to face on Crucifixion Day.

My Saviour knew the torture that lay ahead of Him.
Aware that He'd lay down His life to pay the cost of sin.
My Saviour knew the scourging would tear His back apart,
He knew God's separation would completely break His heart.

The punishment that He would face filled Him with a dread
But knew His love would overrule and crush the serpent's head.
Yes Jesus knew He'd overcome the power of the grave
That through His resurrection, all mankind could then be saved!

My Saviour knew the victory was worth the pain and strife.
To save the likes of you and me, my Saviour *gave His life!*
He volunteered it *willingly*, don't think that it was taken!
He gave His life wholeheartedly so please don't be mistaken.

My Saviour knew you'd scoff and that you'd treat Him with disdain.
He knew you'd mock His sacrifice and disrespect His name.
Jesus knew the slanders and the curses you would say
And yet He *still* endured the Cross and loved you anyway.

Yes Jesus paid a price for you which you may not accept
But may this thought inspire you to show Him some respect.
He walked that road to Calvary and died for me and you.
When next you see the Cross of Christ, just know, my Saviour knew.

Matthew 26:20-25

"When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it.""

John 6:70-71

"Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve."

Luke 9:20-21

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

"And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."