The Truth About The Passion of The Christ

Max Dawson · Acts 3:18 · Series: **Meeting with Max Dawson**

INTRODUCTION

- I am here for one purpose this evening, and that is in the teaching that we'll do to exalt the name of the Lord Jesus.
- What we have only seen through the eye of faith by the reading of the scriptures, Mel Gibson has attempted to portray in a very literal way on the silver screen.
- The movie is a very vivid depiction of the last hours, the last twelve hours of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Vivid Realism, Explicit Force

- You have never seen it depicted with the explicit force and vivid realism of Mel Gibson's movie.
- I hope that you recognize that what is depicted on that screen is what really happened to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- What you see in the movie, The Passion of the Christ is true to life and realistic. It's what happened to the Son of God two thousand years ago.
- Critics who have a problem with this film don't really have a problem with me, but they have a problem with the four gospels.

2 Who Killed Jesus? We All Did

- When asked who killed Jesus, Mel Gibson gave this remarkable and insightful reply. He said the big answer is we all did.
- That, ladies and gentlemen, is the truth about the death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3 A Renewed Appreciation for the Cross

Acts 3:18

- If there is any good to be seen in Gibson's movie, it may be found in a renewed appreciation for the cross and what it truly means to us.
- Those things which God foretold by the mouth of all his prophets that the Christ would suffer, he has fulfilled.
- Jesus' death is a death of tremendous suffering. And don't downplay that in the least.
- How many people see at the cross the place where God's love and man's sin intersect?
- The suffering of Jesus was bloody, it was brutal, it was vicious, and it was vicarious.

4 All of This Was in the Plan of God

Acts 2

- As brutal as the cross is, all of this was yet in the plan of God.

- It was by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God that Jesus went to the cross.
- Heaven was not taken by surprise when Jesus was brutally scourged by the Roman soldiers.
- Oh, my father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.

5 Passages in Prophecy Speak of the Brutality of the Cross

Isaiah 53:5–12; Zechariah 13:7; Psalm 22:14

- Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him. He has put him to grief when you make his soul an offering for sin.
- Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my companion, says the Lord of hosts. Strike the shepherd.
- I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax.
- He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.
- This word pierced or wounded means to bore, as to bore a hole. Like holes were driven in his hands and in his feet.

6 That's What Happened to Him

- The word marred means to be disfigured.
- Well, that's too bad, Mister, because that's what happened to him.
- That's the problem that Christians have. They don't take the death of Jesus Christ seriously.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You need to think about a man, a man whose visage was marred more than any man, one who was pierced for our transgressions.**

MY NOTES