

MEANING OF THE CRUCIFIXION

Illustration: old church in Oregon abandoned, to be torn down.

Storm of protest, citizens & papers. Last pastor remarked if as much interest been shown while church alive as now, no need to tear it down.

Like wise with blessings, including salvation. Till lest don't appreciate.

Disciples felt had lost everything when Jesus was crucified, probably.

Pieter Breughel's Land of Cockayne Middle ages, Germany & France.

Sea with milk, gingerbread & tarts on trees, roast pigs with knives in skins wandering around eggs with legs. 3 asleep figures: soldier, peasant, scholar.

Life empty of purpose, goal, effort with no sacrifice.

Following crucifixion no Land of Cockayne, but danger & despair for disciples. Things not good.

Good Friday 1952 - Camp Buck

Out of despair came victory of the resurrection. Joy & meaning dawned out of the bitter for the disciples, and for us.

Out of life's black or limitations or sacrifices can come victory.

No bridges or great buildings without planning & work.

No life without pain of birth

No spiritual birth without agony like crucifixion, without His crucifixion.

In black & despair recognize that good is coming to the one who waits with faith.

Substitution

When some beloved voice that was
to you
Both sound and sweetness, faileth
suddenly,
And silence, against which you
dare not cry,
Aches round you like a strong disease
and new--
What hope? what help? what music
will unde
That silence to your sense? Not
friendship's sight,
Of viols, nor of pipes that Faunus
blew;
Not songs of poets, nor of night-
ingales
Whose hearts leapp upward through
the cypress-trees
To the clear moon; nor yet the
spheric laws
Self-chanted, nor the angels sweet
"All-hails,"
Met in the smile of God; nay, none
of these.
Speak THOU, availing Christ!--and
fill this pause.

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