



The Cross

Great drops of blood He shed at Gethsemane,
"If possible take this cup away."
But there was no other way
To pay the debt of sin for humanity.

Now whosoever will may come
To a home with God above.
Now eternal bliss is available
To those who have faith in this 'deal.'

For without the shedding of blood
There is no remission of sin.
Put your faith in Jesus, then—
God looks at you as if you've never sinned!

All mankind, no matter what race or nation,
Everyone is invited in this invitation.
At communion we remember the body broken for us
And the blood shed for remission of our sin.

He conquered death with a body incorruptible,
So now we can too but only through His strength.
Guilty of love in the first degree
So He had to go to Calvary.

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"Read about it in Matthew 28.

The first two to see Him were women, remember that!"
the first two individuals to see Him in His incorruptible body were women. And also, no matter where you trace the spread of Christianity, through out the globe, wherever it went, women were lifted to a higher level."

Mat 28:1-20 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came **Mary Magdalene** and **the other Mary** to see the sepulchre. (2) And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. (3) His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: (4) And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

(5) And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. (6) **He is not here: for he is risen**, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (7) And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. (8) And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

(9) And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail**. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. (10) Then said Jesus unto them, **Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me**.

(11) Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. (12) And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, (13) Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept. (14) And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. (15) So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

(16) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. (17) And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

(18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth**. (19) **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world**. Amen.