

# The Scriptures of Easter

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## **Introduction**

John 12 gives us a convenient starting point for the scriptures of Easter. It is six days before Passover, and Mary anoints His feet. The Gospel of John gives us a convenient outline of the Easter season, with inserts from the other Gospels.

Passages are printed verbatim from scriptures both ancient (Bible, Book of Mormon) and modern (The Doctrine and Covenants). The text was formatted to show the parallelism that permeates all of the scriptures. Parallel elements are similarly indented, and capital and lower case letter labels have been added to guide the eye in most of those passages which show parallelism in thought and word, both direct and the inverted parallel order known as chiasmus.

It is my witness to all who may read these words that I know that the Lord Jesus Christ lives! He knows and loves each one of us with an unquenchable love.

The Lamb who was born a humble babe in the humblest of circumstances, witnessed by the shepherds, died on the cross and arose triumphant as the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

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## John 12

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. 3

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. 4

Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, 5  
Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? 6

This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. 7 Then said Jesus,

Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. 8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. 9

A Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. 10

B But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; 11

C Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. 12

D On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried,

Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. 14

And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, 15

Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. 16

These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. 17

C The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. 18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. 19

B The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.[1] 20

A And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: 21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. 22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. 23

And Jesus answered them, saying,

A The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. 24

B Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die,  
it abideth alone:  
but if it die,  
it bringeth forth much fruit. 25

C He that loveth his life  
shall lose it;  
and he that hateth his life in this world  
shall keep it unto life eternal. 26

B If any man serve me, let him follow me;  
and where I am, there shall also my servant be:  
if any man serve me,  
him will my Father honour. 27

A Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?  
Father, save me from this hour:  
but for this cause came I unto this hour. 28  
Father, glorify thy name.  
Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said,  
An angel spake to him. 30

Jesus answered and said,  
This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall  
the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto  
me. 33  
This he said, signifying what death he should die. 34

The people answered him,  
We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be  
lifted up? who is this Son of man? 35

Then Jesus said unto them,  
Yet a little while is the light with you.  
Walk while ye have the light,  
lest darkness come upon you:  
for he that walketh in darkness  
knoweth not whither he goeth. 36  
While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. 37

But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 38  
That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake,  
Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39

Therefore they could not believe,  
because that Esaias said again, 40  
He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor  
understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 41  
These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. 42

A Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him;

B but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him,

C lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43

C For they loved the praise of men

B more than the praise of God. 44

A Jesus cried and said,  
He that believeth on me,  
believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45  
And he that seeth me  
seeth him that sent me. 46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge<sup>[2]</sup> the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49

- a For I have not spoken of myself;
  - b but the Father which sent me,
    - c i he gave me a commandment,
      - ii what I should say, and what I should speak. 50
    - c i And I know that his commandment is life everlasting:
      - ii whatsoever I speak therefore,
  - b even as the Father said unto me,
- a so I speak. 13:1

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end...

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And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.  
 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,  
 Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament,<sup>[3]</sup> which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. (Matthew 26:26-29)

— (John 13:2)

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; 3

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6

Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him,  
 Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7

Jesus answered and said unto him,  
 What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. 8

Peter saith unto him,  
 Thou shalt never wash my feet.

Jesus answered him,  
 If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. 9

Simon Peter saith unto him,  
 Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. 10

Jesus saith to him,  
 He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. 11

- A For he knew who should betray him;
- B therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. 12
- C So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13
- D Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14
- E If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15  
For I have given you an example,  
that ye should do as I have done to you. 16
- D Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
The servant  
is not greater than his lord;  
neither he that is sent  
greater than he that sent him. 17
- C If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. 18
- B I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. 19
- A Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I AM he.[4] 20

Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
He that receiveth whomsoever I send  
receiveth me;  
and he that receiveth me  
receiveth him that sent me. 21

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said,  
Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22

Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. 25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him,  
Lord, who is it? 26

Jesus answered,  
He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.

And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him,  
That thou doest, do quickly. 28

Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. 29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast;[5] or, that he should give something to the poor. 30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. 31

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said,  
Now is the Son of man glorified,  
and God is glorified in him. 32  
If God be glorified in him,  
God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. 33



A Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come;

B so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35

C By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,

B if ye have love one to another. 36

A Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. 37

Peter said unto him,

Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. 38

Jesus answered him,

Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice. 14:1

A Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God,

B believe also in me. 2

C In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you,

D I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5

E Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6

D Jesus saith unto him, I AM the way, the truth, and the life:

C no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.[6] 7

B If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also:

A and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8

Philip saith unto him, Lord,

shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9

Jesus saith unto him,

Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?

the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me:

or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name,

that will I do,

that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14

If ye shall ask any thing in my name,

I will do it. 15

- A a If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16
- b And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18
- c I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19
- B Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more;
- C but ye see me:
- D because I live, ye shall live also. 20
- E At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21
- D He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him,
- C and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us,
- B and not unto the world? 23
- A a Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words:
- b and my Father will love him,
- c and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. 30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. 15:1

- A I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it,
- B a that it may bring forth more fruit. 3
- b Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4
- C Abide in me, and I in you.
- D As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,
- E except it abide in the vine;
- F no more can ye,
- E except ye abide in me. 5 I AM the vine,
- D ye are the branches:

- C He that abideth in me, and I in him,
- B a the same bringeth forth much fruit:  
 b for without me ye can do nothing. 6
- A If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7
- A If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you,
- B ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8
- C Herein is my Father glorified,
- D that ye bear much fruit;
- E so shall ye be my disciples. 9
- F As the Father hath loved me,
- G so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10
- H a If ye keep my commandments,
- I b ye shall abide in my love;
- J a even as I have kept my Father's commandments,  
 b and abide in his love.[7] 11
- K These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12
- K This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13
- J Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14
- I Ye are my friends,
- H if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15
- G Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends;
- F for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16
- E Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,
- D that ye should go and bring forth fruit,
- C and that your fruit should remain:[8]
- B that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17
- A These things I command you, that ye love one another.[9] 18
- If the world hate you,

ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19  
 If ye were of the world,  
     the world would love his own:  
 but because ye are not of the world,  
 but I have chosen you out of the world,  
 therefore the world hateth you. 20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord.  
 If they have persecuted me,  
     they will also persecute you;  
 if they have kept my saying,  
     they will keep yours also. 21

But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22

- A a If I had not come and spoken unto them,  
     they had not had sin:  
 but now  
     they have no cloke for their sin. 23
- b He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24
- a If I had not done among them the works which none other man did,  
     they had not had sin:  
 but now  
     have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25
- b But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. 26
- B But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27
- C And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me
- D from the beginning. 16:1
- E These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2
- F They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4
- E But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.
- D And these things I said not unto you at the beginning,
- C because I was with you. 5
- B But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away:  
     for if I go not away,  
     the Comforter will not come unto you;  
 but if I depart,  
     I will send him unto you. 8
- A And when he is come, he will reprove the world

of sin,  
 and of righteousness,  
 and of judgment: 9  
 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10  
 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11  
 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13  
 Howbeit when he, [10] the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak  
 of himself;  
 but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:  
 and he will shew you things to come. 14  
 He shall glorify me:  
 for he shall receive of mine,  
 and shall shew it unto you. 15  
 All things that the Father hath are mine:  
 therefore said I, that he shall take of mine,  
 and shall shew it unto you. 16

A little while,  
 and ye shall not see me:  
 and again, a little while,  
 and ye shall see me,  
 because I go to the Father. 17

Then said some of his disciples among themselves,  
 What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye  
 shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18  
 They said therefore,  
 What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. 19

A Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them,

B Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a  
 little while, and ye shall see me? 20

C Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
 That ye shall weep and lament,  
 but the world shall rejoice:  
 and ye shall be sorrowful,  
 but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. 21

D A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow,  
 because her hour is come:  
 but as soon as she is delivered of the child,  
 she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. 22

C And ye now therefore have sorrow:

B but I will see you again,  
 and your heart shall rejoice,  
 and your joy no man taketh from you. 23

A And in that day ye shall ask me nothing.  
 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24  
 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name:  
 ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25

B These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak  
 unto you in proverbs,

C but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26

D At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: 27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. 28  
 I came forth from the Father,  
 and am come into the world:  
 again, I leave the world,  
 and go to the Father. 29

C His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly,

B and speakest no proverb. 30

A Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31

Jesus answered them,  
 Do ye now believe? 32

Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. 33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. 17:1

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,

AA<sub>1</sub> A Father, the hour is come;  
 glorify  
 thy Son, that  
 thy Son also may  
 glorify  
 thee: 2

AA<sub>2</sub> B As thou hast given him power over all flesh,  
 that he  
 should give  
 eternal life to as many as thou  
 hast given  
 him. 3

B And this is life eternal, that they might know  
 Thee the only true God, and  
 Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4

BB A I have  
 glorified  
 thee  
 on the earth:  
 I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now,  
 O Father,  
 glorify thou  
 me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee  
 before the world was. 6

CC B I have manifested thy name unto the men  
 which thou gavest me out of the world:  
 thine they were,  
 and thou gavest them me;  
 and they have kept thy word. 7

- DD<sub>1</sub> C Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are  
of thee. 8  
For I  
have given  
unto them  
the words which thou gavest me; and  
they  
have received them, and have known surely that  
I came out  
from thee,
- C and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9  
I pray for them:
- DD<sub>2</sub> I pray not for the world,  
but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10
- DD<sub>3</sub> And all mine  
are  
thine, and  
thine  
are  
mine;  
and I am glorified in them. 11
- EE And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world, and
- FF I come to thee.
- GG B Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me,  
HH that they may be one, as we are.[11] 12
- GG While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept,  
and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13
- FF A And now come I to thee;
- EE B and these things I speak in the world,  
C that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14  
I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them,
- DD<sub>1</sub> D because they are not of the world,  
even as I am not of the world. 15
- DD<sub>2</sub> E I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest  
keep them from the evil. 16
- D They are not of the world,  
even as I am not of the world. 17
- DD<sub>3</sub> C Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18
- B As thou hast sent me into the world,  
even so have I also sent them into the world. 19
- A And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20
- B Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21
- C That they all may be one;
- D as thou, Father, art in me,

E and I in thee,

F that they also may be one in us:

G that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them;

F that they may be one, even as we are one: 23

E I in them,

D and thou in me,

C that they may be made perfect in one;

B and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24

CC A Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am;  
BB that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25

AA<sub>1</sub> O righteous Father,  
the world hath not known thee:  
but I have known thee,  
AA<sub>2</sub> and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26  
And I have declared unto them thy name,  
and will declare it:  
that the love wherewith thou hast loved me  
may be in them,  
and I in them. 18:1

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples...

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And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed,[12] and to be very heavy; And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. (Mark 14:32-36)

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And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (Luke 22:43-44)

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For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent; but if they would not repent they must suffer even as I; which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit, and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink. Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men. (Doctrine and Covenants 19:17-19)

— (John 18:2)



And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place:  
 for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. 3  
 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees,  
 cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4

A Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5

B They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth.

C Jesus saith unto them, I AM he.[13] And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. 6

D As soon then as he had said unto them, I AM he,[14] they went backward, and fell to the ground. 7

A Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye?

B And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. 8

C Jesus answered, I have told you that I AM he:[15] if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: 9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. 10

Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 Then said Jesus unto Peter,  
 Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

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And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. (Luke 22:51)

— (John 18:12)

D Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, 13

And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. 14 Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. 15

And Simon Peter followed Jesus,  
 and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest,  
 and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. 16

But Peter stood at the door without.

Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest,  
 and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter...

— (Matthew 26:57)

A And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. 58 But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. 59

B Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; 60

C But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, 61

- D And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. 62
- E And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? 63
- F But Jesus held his peace.
- E And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64
- D Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65
- C Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. 66 What think ye?
- B They answered and said, He is guilty of death. 67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, 68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? 69
- A Now Peter sat without in the palace: (Matthew 26:57-68)
- (John 18:17)
- A Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. 18
- B And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. 19
- C The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. 20
- D Jesus answered him,  
I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple,  
whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. 21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. 22  
And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying,  
Answerest thou the high priest so? 23  
Jesus answered him,  
If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? 24
- C Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. 25
- B And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself.
- A They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? 27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew. 28
- Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. 29
- Pilate then went out unto them, and said,  
What accusation bring ye against this man? 30
- They answered and said unto him,  
If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Then said Pilate unto them,  
Take ye him, and judge him according to your law.

The Jews therefore said unto him,

It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: 32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. 33

A Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 34

B Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36

C Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37

A Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then?

B Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king.

C To this end  
was I born, and  
for this cause  
came I into the world,  
that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38

Pilate saith unto him,

What is truth?

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them,

I find in him no fault at all. 39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40

Then cried they all again, saying,

Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber. 19:1

A Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. 2

B And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, 3

C And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. 4

D Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5

E a Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! 6

b When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

F Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. 7

G The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. 8

H When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. 10

- I Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11
- I Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. 12
- H And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him:
- G but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. 13
- F When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14
- E a And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! 15
- b But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him.
- D Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King?
- C The chief priest answered, We have no king but Caesar. 16
- B Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.
- A And they took Jesus, and led him away. 17
- A And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: 18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. 19
- B And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross.
- C And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20
- D This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city:
- E and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. 21
- D Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate,
- C Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. 22
- B Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. 23
- A Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24
- They said therefore among themselves,  
Let us not rend it,  
but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots.  
These things therefore the soldiers did...
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Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. (Luke 23:34)

— (Psalms 22)

My God,  
my God,  
    why hast thou forsaken me?  
    why art thou so far  
        from helping me, and  
        from the words of my roaring? 2

O my God,  
    I cry in the daytime,  
        but thou hearest not;  
    and in the night season,  
        and am not silent. 3

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. 4

    Our fathers trusted in thee:  
        they trusted,  
            and thou didst deliver them. 5  
            They cried unto thee,  
            and were delivered:  
    they trusted in thee,  
        and were not confounded. 6

But I am a worm,  
    and no man;  
a reproach of men,  
    and despised of the people. 7

All they that see me  
    laugh me to scorn:  
    they shoot out the lip,  
  
    they shake the head saying, 8  
        He trusted on the LORD  
        that he would deliver him:  
        let him deliver him,  
        seeing he delighted in him. 9

But thou art he that took me out of the womb:  
    thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. 10  
    I was cast upon thee from the womb:  
thou art my God from my mother's belly. 11

A Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12

B Many bulls  
    have compassed me:  
    strong bulls of Bashan  
        have beset me round. 13

C They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. 14

D I am poured out like water, and  
    all my bones are out of joint:  
    my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15  
    My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and  
    my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and  
    thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16

E For dogs have compassed me:  
 F the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me:  
 G they pierced my hands and my feet. 17  
 I may tell all my bones:  
 they look and stare upon me. 18  
 They part my garments among them,  
 and cast lots upon my vesture. 19

A But be not thou far from me,

D O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. 20

F Deliver my soul from the sword;

E my darling from the power of the dog.[16] 21

C Save me from the lion's mouth:

B for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.[17][18] 22

I will declare thy name  
 unto my brethren:  
 in the midst of the congregation  
 will I praise thee. (Psalms 22:1-22)

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Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. 39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying,

Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. (Matthew 27:38-43)

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And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying,

If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

But the other answering rebuked him, saying,

Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

And he said unto

Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

And Jesus said unto him,

Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:39-43)

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And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,

Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by when they heard it, said,

Behold, he calleth Elias.

And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying,

Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. (Mark 15:33-36)

— (John 19:25)

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother,

Woman, behold thy son! 27

Then saith he to the disciple,

Behold thy mother!

And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. 28

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 29

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished...

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And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said,

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit (Luke 23:46)

and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (John 19:30)

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent... (Matthew 27:51)

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying,

Truly this was the Son of God.

And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. (Matthew 27:53-56)

— (John 19:31)

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,[19]) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32

A Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 34

B But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 35

C And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 36

A For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 37

B And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. 38

And after this Joseph of Arimathaea,

being a disciple of Jesus,

but secretly for fear of the Jews,

besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. 39

And there came also Nicodemus,  
 which at the first came to Jesus  
 by night,  
 and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. 40 Then took they  
 the body of Jesus,  
 and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. 41

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden  
 a new sepulchre,  
 wherein was never man yet laid. 42  
 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day;  
 for the sepulchre  
 was nigh at hand. 20:1

A a The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre,  
 and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. 2

b Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and  
 saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where  
 they have laid him. 3

B Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. 4

C So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the  
 sepulchre. 5

D And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying;

E yet went he not in. 6

F Then cometh Simon Peter following him,

E and went into the sepulchre,

D and seeth the linen clothes lie, 7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with  
 the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. 8

C Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and  
 believed. 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. 10

B Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. 11

A a But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked  
 into the sepulchre, 12

b i And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where  
 the body of Jesus had lain. 13

ii And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?

iii She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not  
 where they have laid him. 14

i And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew  
 not that it was Jesus. 15

ii Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?

iii She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne  
 him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16



Jesus saith unto her,

Mary.

She turned herself, and saith unto him,

Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 17

Jesus saith unto her,

Touch me not;[20] for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them,

I ascend unto my Father,

and your Father;

and to my God,

and your God. 18

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

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For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground; He has *no stately form* or *majesty* that we would look at Him, nor an *appearance* that we would *take pleasure* in Him. He was despised and abandoned by men, a man of great *pain* and *familiar with sickness*; and like one from whom people hide their faces, He was despised, and we had no regard for Him. However, it was *our sicknesses* that He Himself bore, and *our pains* that He carried; yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, struck down by God, and humiliated. (Isaiah 53:2–4 NASB20, emphasis added)

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- A a And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind;
  - b and this that the word might be fulfilled which saith he will take upon him the **pains** and the **sicknesses** of his people.
    - c And he will take upon him **death**, that he may loose the bands of death which bind his people;
- B and he will take upon him their **infirmities**,
  - C that his bowels may be filled with mercy,
    - D according to the flesh,
      - E that he may know[21]
        - D according to the flesh
          - C how to succor his people
  - B according to their infirmities.
- A a Now the Spirit knoweth all things; nevertheless the Son of God suffereth according to the flesh
  - b that he might take upon him the **sins of his people**, that he might blot out their transgressions
    - c according to the power of his deliverance;[22][23] (Alma 7:11-13)

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- A when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under his feet,
  - B and shall have perfected his work;
    - C When he shall deliver up the kingdom,

C and present it unto the Father,

B spotless, saying:

A I have overcome and have trodden the wine-press alone, even the wine-press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God. 108 Then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign forever and ever. (Doctrine and Covenants 76:106-108)

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Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth,

fainteth not,

neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint;

and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary,

and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings as eagles;

they shall run, and not be weary;

and they shall walk, and not faint.[24] (Isaiah 40:28-31)

— (Moroni 10:31)

A And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea,

B and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion;

C and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever,

D that thou mayest no more be confounded,

that the covenants of the Eternal Father which he hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled.

A Yea, come unto Christ,

B and be perfected in him,

C and deny yourselves of all ungodliness;

and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and love God with all your

might,

mind and

strength,

D a then is his grace sufficient for you,

b that by his grace

c ye may be perfect in Christ;

d and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ,  
ye can in nowise deny the power of God.

d And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ,  
and deny not his power,

c then are ye sanctified in Christ

- b by the grace of God,
  - a through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot.  
(Moroni 10:31-33)

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And now, after the many testimonies  
which have been given of him,  
this is the testimony, last of all,  
which we give of him:  
That he lives!

For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father-- That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created,[25] and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God. (Doctrine and Covenants 76:22-24)

### Notes

1. Both B's deal with the Jews plotting assassinations.
2. Greek *krinō*, one of the root words of *katakrinō* in John 8:11.
3. Greek *diathéké*, covenant; literally "blood of the covenant"
4. Green's interlinear has "you may believe that I AM."
5. That would be the Passover feast. Thus the last supper was held the day before Passover.
6. In the Father's house are many mansions, but we can get there only through the Son (compare the C's).
7. The H, I, and J have an embedded double echelon, identified by lower case a and b.
8. The C's are forced into alignment by the strong parallels in the B's and D's. Thus the C's tell us that the Father is glorified through the fruit that remains.
9. The A's are framing statements.
10. Greek *ekeinos*, pronoun, he, she, it.
11. This statement of unity is the focal point of the entire chapter.
12. *sore amazed* is from *ekthambeō*, to terrify. Elder Neal A. Maxwell quoted the KJV. "Imagine, Jehovah, the Creator of this and other worlds, 'astonished'! Jesus knew cognitively what He must do, but not experientially. He had never personally known the exquisite and exacting process of an atonement before. Thus, when the agony came in its fulness, it was so much, much worse than even He with his unique intellect had ever imagined!" (Ensign, May 1985, 72-73)
13. Green's interlinear has "tells them Jesus, I AM."
14. Green's interlinear has "when then he told them I AM"
15. Green's interlinear has "I told you that I AM."
16. Psalms 22:20, NIV, Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
17. *unicorns* – Hebrew *re'em*, probably the great aurochs or wild bulls which are now extinct. The exact meaning is not known. (blueletterbible.org)
18. The overall pattern of 11-21 is disordered parallelism, a rare type in scripture. It could be rearranged as a chiasm. It often is used to express pain, dismay, as it does here.
19. Passover, not the weekly Sabbath (Saturday).
20. JST: Hold me not
21. A key point in the atonement, that he may know what it is to be mortal.
22. Five things Jesus Christ took upon himself. 5 = mercy, grace.

23. Verses 11-13 are the focal point of the whole chapter. This is perhaps the broadest statement of the atonement in all scripture, and my all-time favorite passage of scripture. I remember it as the name of a convenience store, Al's 7-Eleven.
24. I find this chevron particularly interesting. Verses 28-29 pertain to the Lord, while verse 31 is about the faithful. Not fainting or being weary are Godlike characteristics, and the faithful will have these. Power to the faint is parallel to wings as eagles (the c elements) (see Doctrine and Covenants 77:4). And verse 28 states all three blessings enumerated in Doctrine and Covenants 89:19-20, which includes hidden treasures of knowledge.
25. Receiving of the fulness of the Father includes hearing the voice bearing record of the Son and his mission.