

# The Trust of Jesus

Matthews 27:43 - "He trusts in God."

## I. Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines "trust" as "a confidence in or a reliance on."

- All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.
- **I would rather walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light.**
- Trust involves letting go and knowing God will catch you.

### A. How does it happen that this Man was so masterful in every situation.

1. Matthew 22:15-22 - The temple tax.
2. John 8:3-11 - The woman caught in adultery.

### B. How did it come to past that He was joyful in the mist of so many shadows?

1. John 11 - The Story of Lazarus.
2. Matthew 26:50 - Judas' betrayal.

### C. Jesus' strength and gladness came from His steadfast trust in God.

#### 1. His trust in God was the Alpha and omega of His life.

- a. It was the heaven above His head, the Earth beneath His feet.
- b. The atmosphere He daily breathed.**
- c. The spirit in which He was saturated, the inspiration of His life.

#### 2. When He was dying on the cross, many people laughed at Him, saying derisive and spiteful things.

- a. Among these people were members of the Sanhedrin, chief priest, scribes and leaders.
- b. They all ridiculed and scorned Him, ultimately they challenged His trust in God.**

1) "He trusted on God," Matthew 27:43.

2) **The reason they did, is because of His claim of always trusting His Father.**

3. Though the word "trust" is only used a few times in the New Testament, examples of His trust are numerous.

- a. From the beginning, Luke 2:49 - *“And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?”*
- b. To the end, Luke 23:46 - *“And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.”*

## II. He showed His trust by His prayers.

A. Jesus is everywhere and always a man of prayer.

1. **At the crisis of His life we find Him praying. Luke 6:12**
2. At His baptism. Luke 3:21
3. **In the choosing of the twelve disciples. Luke 6:12-13**
4. At the Transfiguration. Luke 9:29
5. **In the garden. Mark 14:32**
6. On the cross. Matthew 27:45

**B. Before every important action, in the midst of every difficult situation, at the completion of every stage of work, we find Him praying.**

1. It was a common thing in Palestine for men to pray, but no man had ever prayed like this Man, with such simplicity, with such earnestness, with such boundless trust.
2. **Men gathered around Him awe-struck and said, “Master, teach us to pray.” Luke 11:1**
  - a. Prayer was an indispensable feature in Hebrew life, but men who had prayed since they were young felt, when they heard this Man pray, it was like they had never prayed at all.
  - b. **The word which He applied to God was “Father.”**
  - c. To trust in the goodness and mercy of a good father was His greatest delight; to induce others to trust in Him also was His constant ambition and endeavor.

**C. There is trouble in trusting.**

1. One would believe that it is easy to trust in God.
  - a. **The fact is nothing is more difficult to do at certain times and in certain circumstances.**

- b. It is easy to say that you're trusting God when everything is going right. But when justice seems dead and love seems to vanish, this is when it gets difficult.

**2. Who can study nature without finding it hard to believe in the goodness of God.**

- a. Does not nature seem to be cruel and without heart.

**b. Read the newspaper any day and you'll find tragedy after tragedy that has nothing to do with the depravity of man but with the elements of nature.**

- 1) Who can look upon the sufferings of the innocent, or hear the cries of the oppressed, or witnessed the slaughter of the pure and the good without asking himself: Does God know? Does God care?
- 2) **It would seem to the man who reads history, that vice triumphs over virtue dishonesty tramples upon honesty, injustice lords it over justice, and that hate defies and defeats love.**
- 3) This happens not just once but thousands of times. As a result some men give up their faith in God.

**3. Jesus looks upon the same scene and gives to it a different interpretation.**

- a. He sees good men who come and offer their services to the world only to be rejected and repulsed.

**1) One of them is stoned, another is beaten, and another is killed.**

- 2) Their dead bodies are piled up in sickening heaps

**b. But to Jesus this is not evidence of the indifference of God, it is to proof of His long-suffering patience.**

- c. It is because He is not willing that any should be lost that He keeps on century after century, sending into the world prophets and apostles, heroes and saints, who shall proclaim the message of heaven to bewildered and sinful men.

**D. Trusting through tribulation.**

- 1. If the processes of nature and the courses of history make war upon one's trust in God, how much more terrible is the conflict that arises out of one's own personal experience.

**a. Our trusting God is fine until misfortune comes into our life.**

- 1) When this happens a lot of men aren't strong enough to withstand the shock.

- 2) **The very best and strongest of men, when overtaken by misfortune, have to re-adjust their faith.**
- b. Many things conspired to blot out one's trust in God.
- 1) **Disappointment may do it. One disappointment after another may come upon a man until he sinks down, vanquished and hopeless, his torch extinguished.**
  - 2) Persecution may break a man's faith in God; the inhumanity of man; the misunderstandings and the misrepresentations of men, their hostility and faithlessness, their contempt and their scorn, many render it well-nigh impossible to believe that God rules the world.
- 3) **Other men are overcome by failure.**
2. Like Jesus we need impeccable trust.
- a. **Jesus had all the dark experiences which it is possible for a soul to have.**
- b. He had a work to do. He had a dream which filled Him with enthusiasm. He had a message to communicate which He was certain would drive away the gloom and the woe of the world.
- c. **He went to Jerusalem to announce it, the door there was slammed in His face. He announced it and the synagogues of Galilee, but the people there would not receive it. He then preached it on the street corners of a great city, but the crowds went away.**
- d. There were, in the end, only 12 men who stood by Him, and the hearts of these were so fluctuating that He said, "*you do not want to leave too, do you?*" John 6:67.
- e. **To these 12 men he gave himself with passionate devotion, pouring into their souls His own very life.**
- 1) But the boldest of them turned out to be a coward, another was a traitor, and another was a doubter.
  - 2) **And when a crisis in His life came, they all forsook and fled.**
- f. But despite His disappointment His trust in God was unbroken.
- 1) **We need to dwell upon the things which have happened since His death.**
  - 2) Where failure was swallowed up by enduring success.
  - 3) **Where ultimately justice triumphed over injustice, love became stronger than hate, and righteousness was mightier than unrighteousness.**