

They Cried

He is Risen! He is Risen!

During the Cantata, there was a duet with Amanda and Leo. In Amanda's solo, the author penned some words that have haunted me. I never thought about how Peter's betrayal affected him. The line goes _____ . The sound of Peter's tears.

As I thought on that phrase, I considered the various emotions of all the people:

There was joy as Jesus taught His disciples and broke bread with them.

There was suspicion as Jesus acknowledged that one in the company would betray Him.

There was anger in the heart of Peter as he tried to slay those that came to arrest Jesus

Jesus was filled with emotion as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prayed with such emotion that his sweat dropped like drops of blood.

Jesus was in bodily pain as he was beaten in the Jewish courts

Peter cried as the gaze of the Savior of the World, fell upon him as the rooster crowed.

Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

The crowd was filled with anger and self-righteousness

Matthew 27:22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified. ²³ And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they **cried out** the more, saying, Let him be crucified.¹

During the Crucifixion

⁴⁵ Now ^r from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about ^sthe ninth hour Jesus **cried** with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, ^uMy God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ⁴⁷ Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias. ⁴⁸ And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with ^xvinegar, and put *it* on ^ya reed, and gave him to drink. ⁴⁹ ^zThe rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

⁵⁰ Jesus, when he had **cried** again with a loud voice, ^a yielded up the ghost.¹

After the Resurrection

The women who came to the tomb to finish preparing Jesus' body were in fear seeing that the stone covering the tomb was rolled back.

Today there is GREAT JOY.

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Conclusion

The truth of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus. For the Christian the subject is not open for dissection or discussion.

- “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” page 159 in the Baptist Hymnal
- “Because He Lives” – page 407 in the Baptist Hymnal
- “He Lives” – page 533 in the Baptist Hymnal
- “Low in the Grave He Lay” – page 160 in the Baptist Hymnal