

## Why Did Christ Suffer?

1 Peter 3:18-22

*We can endure suffering as Christians  
because Christ endured suffering for Christians.*

1. Christ suffered \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Christ suffered \_\_\_\_\_

"The main point, then, is that believers have no need to fear that suffering is the last word, for they share the same destiny as their Lord, whose suffering has secured victory over all hostile powers." Thomas Schreiner<sup>1</sup>

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- In your own words, why did Christ suffer?
- Why did we need to be "brought to God" through Jesus Christ? What are some of the blessings we now receive as a result?
- Are there ever times when God seems distant to you? Why is this? How does the knowledge that Jesus Christ suffered "to bring us to God" help?
- Are there any ways that you are suffering right now? How does the truth that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended to heaven provide hope for suffering Christians?

**Next week: "The End Really is Near", 1 Peter 4:1-11**

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<sup>1</sup> *1, 2 Peter, Jude*, p. 180.