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A Reason for Every "Ouch!"

1 Peter 3:18-22

Perhaps the most common word in our language is the tiny word, "*Ouch!*" Every day, it's repeatedly expressed in variant forms around the world. It's a word that conveys pain and suffering.

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Peter's audience knew all about suffering, but they didn't always know how it could actually be used for anything good. Christ's own sufferings provide the best example of both the power and usefulness of suffering.

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Four things mark the path of Jesus' suffering:

1. Jesus' Crucifixion Shows Purpose (v. 18)
2. Jesus' Resurrection Shows Permanence
(vv. 18-19)

3. Jesus' Proclamation Shows Planning (vv. 19-21)

Martin Luther

"A wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament, so that I do not know for a certainty just what Peter means"

Best translation: "being put to death in the flesh but made alive *in spirit*"

3. Jesus' Proclamation Shows Planning (vv. 19-21)

Jesus physically died and lay in the tomb for three days, but His spirit was very much alive

"By whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison"

3. Jesus had a proclamation to make

He spoke to spirits, meaning either angels or demons
While His body was in the tomb, He went to the spirit
realm

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Acts 2:27, 31—Jesus went into Hades, the abode of the spirits (not hell)

"Who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah..."

3. Jesus had a proclamation to make

Jesus' proclamation was possibly an announcement of
His victory

1 Corinthians 2:8

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they
had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

He was victorious over Satan's plan

4. Jesus' Exaltation Shows Power (v. 22)

The right hand is the place of prestige, power, and
authority

Philippians 2:9-11

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Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is
Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Closing Thoughts

Nicene Creed

All 318 delegates, except for about 12, had suffered physical persecution for Christ

They saw a reason for their *ouch!* and that what God has planned for us is not even worthy to be compared to our present suffering

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What happened in the life of Christ happens for the follower of Christ; your suffering is all for a reason

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1. Jesus' crucifixion shows purpose
2. Jesus' resurrection shows permanence
3. Jesus' proclamation shows planning
4. Jesus' exaltation shows power

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The ultimate reason for Jesus' *ouch!* was you—
Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

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fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.