



THE PASCHAL MYSTERY



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Words to know:

mediation (*to facilitate reconciliation between two people or groups*), fitting (*particularly beautiful or appropriate*), gratuity (*generosity*)

THE PASSION AND DEATH OF CHRIST:

Aquinas argues that in the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, we can see a two-fold

Ascending Mediation:	Descending Mediation:
The activity by which Christ as man _____ before the Father on our _____	Christ's _____ as the _____ through His human nature to _____ divine things upon the human race

Aquinas first argues that it was not _____ that Christ _____ to save us from our sins, but that it was _____ that He did so.

God could have saved the world by other means, yet He chose to redeem us through the _____ of Jesus for a reason. Most essentially, Christ's suffering is instructive:

The Passion of the Lord:
Illustrates the gravity of human _____ and the intensity of divine _____

Sufferings and Consolation of Jesus:

Most especially, he experienced inward knowledge of the depths of _____ and confronted this reality with the deepest charity and therefore with the deepest mournfulness or _____ of heart that any human being has ever known.

At the same time, Christ is _____ on the Cross in His human soul by the knowledge He has of the _____, of the victory of divine life that is occurring through His Passion, and by the confident hope He has in the eventual _____ of His flesh.





How does the human suffering of God act to save the world?

Jesus does not will the _____ of His torture or his execution. However, Christ does undergo the Passion _____, allowing Himself to be subject to the collective evils of the human race, so as to manifest His _____ for the world.

Merit (good work which entitles the doer to receive a reward):

- _____ is the principle of merit.
- Christ merits salvation [for us] in _____ to the Father.
- Christ's self-offering is distinct from that of all others because He is not only _____ but is also _____, so his human actions are of infinite dignity.

Atonement:

To _____ or to make _____ again

Effects of the Passion:

- Freedom from _____
- Deliverance from _____
- _____ from the debt of _____
- _____ with God
- Offer of _____

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST:

Necessity of the Resurrection:

- Commends _____
- Instructs us in _____
- Encourages us in _____
- Begins a new and blessed _____

Properties of the Resurrected Body of Christ:

Comprehension question: If it was not necessary that Christ suffer to save us (i.e., He could have saved us in another way), why did He do so?

