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## 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.

<p><b>Merit</b> (good work which entitles the doer to receive a reward):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ is the principle of merit.</li> <li>• Christ merits salvation [for us] in _____ to the Father.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Atonement:</b> To _____ or to make _____ again</p>
<p><b>Effects of the Passion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom from _____</li> <li>• Deliverance from _____</li> <li>• _____ from the debt of _____</li> <li>• _____ with God</li> <li>• Offer of _____</li> </ul>

**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST:**

<p><b>Necessity of the Resurrection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commends _____</li> <li>• Instructs us in _____</li> <li>• Encourages us in _____</li> <li>• Begins a new and blessed _____</li> </ul>	<p><b>Properties of the Resurrected Body of Christ:</b></p>
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**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?