## <u>Truly</u>

It was Friday afternoon at Mt Calvary. Jesus had been beaten, mocked and tortured. Although innocent, He now hangs on a cross with nails in His hands and feet, and a crown of thorns on His head. He hangs between two thieves. The crowd is taunting Him and the soldiers at the foot of the cross are gambling for His clothes. Darkness falls upon the earth. Jesus dies. The earth shakes. The ground opens. The veil in the temple is torn. At the foot of the cross, a trembling soldier says, "Truly this was the Son of God."

When Jesus was 12 years old, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple with the religious leaders, both hearing and asking questions.
"And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." Luke 2:47

Truly this was the Son of God.

A Samaritan woman met Jesus at Jacob's well. She went back to her city telling her friend and neighbors of her encounter. "Come see a man, which told me all things ever I did: Is not this the Christ?" St. John 4:29

Truly this was the Son of God.

After preaching to a great multitude, Jesus fed 5,000 men and their families with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, leaving 12 baskets of leftovers. "Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come unto the world." St. John 6:14

Truly this was the Son of God.

While the disciples were in a ship, a great storm arose. Jesus

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## commanded it to stop and immediately it was calm. "But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey him" St. Matthew 8:27

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When Jesus was eating in the home of a religious leader, a woman known by all to be a sinner, made her way in and fell at Jesus feet. Everyone expected Jesus to rebuke her, but He had great compassion and forgave her sins.

"And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?" St. Luke 7:49

Truly this was the Son of God.

People brought anyone who was sick or lame to Jesus. He opened blind eyes, caused the deaf to hear, cleansed lepers and even raised the dead. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." Acts 10:38

Truly this was the Son of God.

After dying on the cross, Jesus was laid in a borrowed tomb. He rose on the third day. He walked with His disciples for forty days. Then Jesus took them to a place called Mt. Olivet. As Jesus was speaking, He ascended into heaven and the disciples were given a promise of his return.

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up" and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven. This same Jesus which is taken up from

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## you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11

Truly this was the Son of God.

Jesus is coming soon. For those watching and waiting, it will be a glad and joyous day.

### "Looking for that blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our savior, Jesus Christ" Titus 2:13

Truly this was the Son of God.

# Others like the soldier, will proclaim too late this was the Son of God. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." St. Matthew 24:44

Truly this was the Son of God.

With the blood Jesus shed on the cross the price was paid for our sins. If we believe that in our heart and turn from our sins, asking Jesus to forgive us, when our life here is over, we shall have a home in heaven. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe int thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9* 

Truly this was the Son of God.

Jesus healed the sick, calmed fears, had compassion, and forgave sins. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

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