

# The Savior's Final, Lonely Journey

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Throughout His mortal life, the Savior underwent many journeys—His journey out of Bethlehem and into Egypt as an infant, His 40-day journey in the wilderness, His many journeys into cities, villages, and homes to teach, heal, and bless during His ministry, and many others. But there is one journey that the Savior had to face alone, and it was a journey only He could endure.

ECCE HOMO, BY LOUIS ROYER, RIJKSMUSEUM, AMSTERDAM

“On Easter Sunday we celebrate the most long-awaited and glorious event in the history of the world.  
“It is the day that changed everything.  
“On that day, my life changed.  
“Your life changed.  
“The destiny of all God’s children changed.”

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, “The Gift of Grace,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2015, 107.



Simon Dewey

O MY FATHER, BY SIMON DEWEY

## Suffering beyond Compare

“No mortal mind can conceive the full import of what Christ did in Gethsemane.

“We know he sweat great goutts of blood from every pore as he drained the dregs of that bitter cup his Father had given him.

“We know he suffered, both body and spirit, more than it is possible for man to suffer, except it be unto death.

“We know that in some way, incomprehensible to us, his suffering satisfied the demands of justice, ransomed penitent souls from the pains and penalties of sin, and made mercy available to those who believe in his holy name.

“We know that he lay prostrate upon the ground as the pains and agonies of an infinite burden caused him to tremble and would that he might not drink the bitter cup.”

Elder Bruce R. McConkie (1915–85) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “The Purifying Power of Gethsemane,” *Ensign*, May 1985, 9.

**Personal Application:** Though we may not always realize it, the Savior suffered all forms of pain during the Atonement. He understands every physical pain, from a broken bone to the most severe chronic illness. He felt the darkness and despair of mental ailments such as depression, anxiety, addiction, loneliness, and grief. And He felt every spiritual wound because He took upon Himself all the sins of mankind.

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught, “In a moment of weakness we may cry out, ‘No one knows what it is like. No one understands.’ But the Son of God perfectly knows and understands, for He has felt and borne our individual burdens” (“Bear Up Their Burdens with Ease,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2014, 90).