

# REMEMBERING JESUS

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### EX. 16:32-33

God is big on memorials: The manna memorial; the Passover memorial; Joshua's 12 stones; the woman's alabaster box (**MK. 14:6-9**); and the Lord's Supper memorial (**1 COR. 11:23-26**).

### Memorial Day

Reminds us that all the rights and privileges we enjoy as American citizens came as a great price. Over 1.1 million brave individuals sacrificed their lives so we could assemble today and worship our creator. We can't honor them, but we can honor their memory. By doing so, we make their sacrifice meaningful. "All gave some, some gave all". To those who gave some, welcome home, and thank you for your service. To some Memorial Day means a day off school, work, and a family picnic. To some, it's a visit to a cemetery, where you remember how your brave loved one sacrificed his or her life for our national freedom, as taps is played. Family picnics are great, but may we never forget that for the surviving parents, spouses, and children, it's a day of traumatic loss.

### Remembering Jesus

To remember Jesus, is to remember the greatest soldier who ever lived. Jesus sacrificed His life, not for a nation, but for all humanity (**JOHN 8:36**). He gave His life to free us from our greatest enemy – sin and death.

### Address Change 1 TIM. 3:16

Jesus was God with flesh on, who moved from the comforts of Heaven to a war zone, just as those who moved from their homes to Korea or Vietnam. In Heaven, there was no pain, sorrow, suffering or sickness. In Heaven, Jesus was honored, respected, worshiped, and exalted. He willingly left Heaven, to enter a sin-cursed, hate-filled world, where He would be rejected, ridiculed, hated, and killed. **PHIL. 2:5-8** He took off His glory attire for a uniform made of flesh. He set aside His omnipresence and limited Himself to a human body. Why? Because He loves us. **1 TIM. 2:5-6** He came, lived, died, and ascended as a man. He is now man's only official mediator between God and men.

### Accomplishments 1 JOHN 3:8 NASB

The mission: To do what Adam failed to do. Destroy the works of Satan. **HEB. 2:14-15** This He did as a Spirit-filled man. He destroyed Satan and His works and delivered man from fear of death. **COL. 2:11-15 MSG** He put Satan

to an open shame before all His cohorts, and cancelled our arrest warrant, and wiped our slate clean. He made salvation available to all (**ROM. 10:13**).

### **Ascension 1 TIM. 3:16**

- 1.) The glory of it (**JOHN 17:4-5 NASB**). He finished His mission, ascended back to Heaven, and received back His glory (**HEB. 1:6-12 NLT**).
- 2.) The grace of it (**HEB. 4:14-16**). Touched with the feeling of our infirmities, He pleads our case and offers mercy and grace in the courtroom of glory!
- 3.) The gravity of it (**ACTS 1:9-11**). Jesus promised to return, first for the bride, and second, to set-up His earthly kingdom. **JOHN 14:1-3** He wants His bride to see Him in all of His glory, and the place He prepared for her, before returning to set-up His kingdom

**Conclusion:** Today, we honor the memory of those who gave their all, so we could enjoy life in a free nation. We honor their memory and sacrifice. We honor the sacrifice and memory of the only soldier who provides freedom from the penalty, power, and presence of sin. Heaven's greatest soldier, Jesus.