

The Savior's Atonement

NEW TESTAMENT SEMINARY MATERIAL

The following scripture passages and statement teach about the Atonement of Jesus Christ. Spend 10 to 15 minutes carefully reading through these sources (or other sources about the Savior's Atonement that you are interested in learning from or that you found prior to this lesson). As you read, think about how each of these sources helps you better understand what Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ did for you and why.

- Luke 22:39–44
- Luke 23:33–38, 44–46
- John 3:14–17
- Alma 7:11–13
- 3 Nephi 27:14
- Doctrine and Covenants 18:10–11
- Doctrine and Covenants 19:16–19

Elder Tad R. Callister of the Seventy taught:



What then is the Atonement of Jesus Christ? In one sense, it is a series of divine events that commenced in the Garden of Gethsemane, continued on the cross, and culminated with the Savior's Resurrection from the tomb. It was motivated by an incomprehensible love for each of us. It required a being who was sinless; who had infinite power over the elements—even death; who possessed a boundless capacity to suffer the consequences of all our sins and ailments; and who, in fact, descended beneath it all [see Doctrine and Covenants 88:6]. This was the mission of Jesus Christ—this was His Atonement.

What then was its purpose? It was to make it possible for us to return to God's presence, become more like Him, and have a fulness of joy.

This was done by overcoming four obstacles:

1. Physical death
2. Spiritual death caused by Adam and by our sins
3. Our afflictions and infirmities
4. Our weaknesses and imperfections

(Tad R. Callister, "The Atonement of Jesus Christ," *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2019, 85)