

71 ALONE ~ The agony of Jesus' loneliness on the cross.

Lord Jesus had just shared the meal with His supporting friends, Luke 22:15
those men whom we'd expect to be devoted to the end. Matt 26:35
But all of them were sleeping, leaving Him to pray alone. Luke 22:45
None but the olive grove would hear the Saviour's lonely groan. Luke 22:39

Lord Jesus was alone through these, the darkest hours of life, Matt 26:37-39
with no friends to support Him in the terror of His strife: Mark 14:50
Lone wrestling with the serpent that attacked from the abyss,
rejection's pain envenomed by His friend's betrayal kiss. Luke 22:47,48

Men

The Shepherd was alone when taken to the high priest's home; Mark 14:53,54
His sheep were scattered far and wide, as He went on alone. Mark 14:27
He faced the biased judgments His opponents organised, Mark 14:55-64
with no-one to defend Him, all alone while victimised. Matt 27:11-14

Women

The welcome aid of Simeon in bearing His cross-load, Luke 23:26
the women walking with Him on the Dolorosa road, Luke 23:27
the convicts either side of His crude crucifixion-throne Mark 15:27
could not dilute the evidence that Jesus died alone.

When came the moment of atonement for our fatal crimes,
His Father God in heaven, who'd been with Him all the time, Matt 27:46
abandoned Jesus on the cross, and left Him all alone,
to bear our sins and punishment, in order to atone. 1Pet 2:24

"Inside of me there rises up a song of gratefulness
to You, courageous Saviour, Lord, for choosing loneliness, John 18:8,9
for choosing to endure the cross, alone, with no support, Matt 26:53
my Jesus, You alone are worthy, evermore adored." Phil 2:9-11

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