

*Sommer net ...*



*The Story of Christ  
Darkness\**

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He healed the wounds of others, and His own body has been grievously wounded; He forgave sinners, and He who is stainless has been nailed to the cross by sinners, between two sinners; He loved all men with surpassing love, even the unworthy, and hatred has nailed Him here where hatred is punished; He has been more just than justice itself, and the greatest of all injustices has been perpetrated against Him; He has sought to convert the bestial to holiness, and He is Himself fallen into the hands of demons; He who brought life is given the most shameful of deaths.

All this was necessary that man might again find the road to salvation; that he might rise above sensualism and know the spiritual ecstasy of the saints; that he might be resurrected from that state of feeble inertia that has the appearance of life but is in reality death, and be prepared for the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our intellect is staggered by the awesome and inviolable mystery that enshrouds this necessity, but let not the heart of man forget the price that was paid for our redemption.

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