

# Love's Example - I Peter 2:21

by Bernard Fell

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*Jesus' example of suffering and forgiving love shows us the power of meekness and forbearance in the face of adversity.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 26:63, Matthew 27:12, Luke 23:34, Colossians 3:13, 1 Peter 2:21

**Topics:** "Christ's Suffering", "Forgiveness"

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## Description

Bernard Fell preaches on the example of Christ's silent suffering, highlighting how Jesus endured degradation, mockery, and scourging without retaliation, showcasing the power of forgiveness and grace. He emphasizes the contrast between Jesus' authority to command legions of angels and His choice to silently endure suffering for the sake of love. Bernard encourages the congregation to reflect on the profound impact of Christ's silent suffering and to emulate His meekness and forgiveness in the face of conflict and temptation.

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## Transcript

Christ also suffered for us,  
leaving us an example,  
that ye should follow His steps.

1 Peter 2:21

O voiceless calm of Jesus,  
Degraded, mocked, and scourged:  
E'en Pilate marvelled at the grace  
Which answered not a word.  
How silently He suffered!  
No balm to bring relief:  
The sweetness of forgiving love

Was mingled with His grief.  
To Him all pow'r was given,  
And none can stay His hand:  
Angelic legions wait to hear  
The word of His command.  
His gentle voice of healing  
The sick and weary heard;  
Yet for Himself in deepest woe  
He uttered not a word.  
O let that lowly silence  
Speak volumes to the heart,  
When burning words form on the lips,  
And angry feelings start.  
When tempted in the conflict  
To rise in self-defence,  
The silent pow'r of conquering love  
Can pardon the offence.  
Take wrong, and let forbearance  
In meekness ever live;  
It may be manly to resent,  
'Tis godly to forgive!

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