

## TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS (EXPANDED)

Fanny J. Crosby, 1880; Verses 1, 3, & 6

Bryan Matthew Dockens, 2025; Verses 2, 4, & 5

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
write on my heart every word;  
tell me the story most precious,  
sweetest that ever was heard.  
Tell how the angels in chorus  
sang as they welcomed His birth,  
*"Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace and good tidings to earth."*

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
write on my heart every word;  
tell me the story most precious,  
sweetest that ever was heard.

Baptized by John in the Jordan,  
the Spirit came from above,  
Descending in bodily form  
and lit on Him like a Dove.  
The Father's voice boomed from heaven,  
*"This is My Beloved Son."*  
Thus fulfilling all righteousness,  
John proclaimed, *"This is God's Son!"*

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
write on my heart every word;  
tell me the story most precious,  
sweetest that ever was heard.

Fasting alone in the desert,  
tell of the days that He passed,  
how for our sins He was tempted,  
yet was triumphant at last.  
Tell of the years of His labor,  
tell of the sorrow He bore;  
He was despised and afflicted,  
homeless, rejected, and poor.

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
write on my heart every word;  
tell me the story most precious,  
sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell me the Glory of Jesus,  
shining on the Holy Mount;  
James, John, and Peter were with Him  
to give eyewitness account.  
Elijah and Moses also  
appeared and spoke of decease;  
His death is an accomplishment,  
nothing at all like defeat.

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
write on my heart every word;  
tell me the story most precious,  
sweetest that ever was heard.

The people cut down palm branches  
and spread their clothes on the road.  
He rode an unbroken donkey,  
on a colt that was borrowed.  
Tell me of triumphant entry,  
Jesus acclaimed by the crowd:  
*"Blessed is He"* and *"Hosanna!"*  
Even stones would cry aloud!

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
write on my heart every word;  
tell me the story most precious,  
sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,  
writhing in anguish and pain;  
tell of the grave where they laid Him;  
tell how He liveth again.  
Love in that story so tender,  
clearer than ever I see:  
stay, let me weep while you whisper,  
*"Love paid the ransom for me."*

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
write on my heart every word;  
tell me the story most precious,  
sweetest that ever was heard.

## **"WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"**

**ACTS 16:30**

### **LEARN THE GOSPEL**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

### **BELIEVE IN CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

### **CONFESS CHRIST**

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

### **REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 3:19; 17:30

### **BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

### **REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

## **"THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

**HEBREWS 10:24-25**

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Studies @ 11:45 a.m.

### **WEDNESDAY**

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*is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife" (10-11).* The reader can readily observe that the departing in this case refers to divorcing for two reasons. First, her departure leaves her "unmarried." Second, the corresponding instruction to the man is to "not divorce his wife." Divorcing is sinful and, if divorce has already occurred, the situation must not be worsened with a subsequent marriage. Jesus already taught that would amount to adultery. To presume that a man who separated from his wife has divorced her is not sensible. By divorcing her when he was ready to marry another, he proved his awareness of this.

When he began committing fornication while still married, he made himself as guilty as his wife. Both he and his wife deserved to be put away, but, because both were guilty, neither had the right to act against the other. Thus, he must "remain unmarried or be reconciled." Subsequent marriage is adultery and "adulterers... will not inherit the kingdom of God" (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:9-10).

# **"WHOLE COUNSEL"**

**ACTS 20:27**

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## **SEPARATION IS NOT DIVORCE**

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Although sinners argue against it, Jesus has made clear His teaching against divorce and remarriage with but one exception. He preached, "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery" (Matthew 19:9).

A question arises regarding a particular scenario. A certain man caught his wife committing sexual immorality and, instead of divorcing her, obtained a legal separation. The couple parted ways, and each person entered sexual relationships with others. Eventually, the man took up with a woman he decided to marry; so, he divorced his wife and married the new woman. Whether that new marriage is legitimate is a serious concern with eternal ramifications.

Separation is not divorce. One chapter of Scripture mentions separation and divorce as distinct actions. In the context of ordinary conjugal privileges, Paul told husbands and wives, "Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you" (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:5). While the word "separation" does not appear in this verse, the concept is manifest inasmuch as the mutually agreed upon deprivation would conclude when they "come together again." Five verses later, the apostle addressed divorce, saying, "A wife – Continued on page 4 –

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