



## **Good Friday Reflections 2008**

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There seems to be an apparent contradiction. On one hand, Jesus became a victim of a plot, planned, made up against Him by Judas, the chief priests and the pharisees. On the other hand, Jesus offered Himself conscientiously and freely.

Now, when Jesus was placed into a situation imposed upon Him, three choices were open to Him:

First, to escape from the situation. Second, to fight back against His enemies. Third, to face the situation in accepting it consciously.

It is the third choice that Jesus made. This conscious acceptance of the situation imposed on Him... and in making this choice of facing the situation, He mastered it.

When the soldiers and the guards were about to arrest Him, Jesus **CAME FORWARD** and said to them, "Who are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said, "I am HE." When Jesus said 'I am HE', they moved back and fell to the ground (John 18).

Later on, Jesus kept calm throughout his sufferings, from the court to the Cross. By facing the situation imposed upon Him, Jesus was really in control of it.

And for this, the Cross cannot be a sign of defeat. The Cross is already a sign of Victory!