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## LEAD ME TO CALVARY

Jennie Evelyn Hussey, 1874-1958

*“Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Hebrews 12:3)*

This is the season of the year when we give special attention to Christ’s suffering, death, and victorious resurrection. In the church calendar, an awareness of these events begins with the Christian observance of Lent, a 40-day period (excluding Sundays) that is set aside each year prior to Easter to concentrate on the circumstances that led to the death of God’s Son on a Roman cross. (Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after March 21—the spring equinox. This date was first set in A.D. 325 by the ancient church). The Lenten period should result in a spiritual self-examination and in rededicated living for each devout believer, preparing us for the celebration of our risen Lord.

The cross of Christ is either a blessing or a curse, depending on our response to it. Either it leads to our eternal redemption, or it condemns us to eternal damnation. This demonstrated by the two thieves who hung on either side of the Savior. One responded and received divine mercy; the other rebelled his way into hell. God never violates man’s free will and forces His love on anyone. But He has never rejected anyone who cries out to Him in believing faith. It is man who rejects God and the salvation that He provided at Calvary.

Jennie Hussey was a life-long Quaker. Much of her life was a time of hardship and suffering, especially in her care of an invalid sister. Yet Jennie was known for her cheerful and courageous attitude. In all she wrote approximately 150 hymn texts. “Lead Me to Calvary” first appeared in *New Songs of Praise and Power* in 1921. These thoughtful words can deepen our spiritual lives as we move further through this important Lenten season.

- ♪ *King of my life I crown Thee now-Thine shall the glory be; lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.*
- ♪ *Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept; angels in robes of light arrayed guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.*
- ♪ *Let me like Mary, thru the gloom, come with a gift to Thee; show to me now the empty tomb-lead me to Calvary.*
- ♪ *May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for Thee; even Thy cup of grief to share-Thou hast borne all for me.*

**CHORUS:** *Lest I forget Gethsemane lest I forget Thine agony, lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary. AMEN.*

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*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

