

The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the telling by Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerich of the passion and death of Christ. Anne Catherine Emmerich was an 18th century nun who suffered the stigmata and had visions of Christ's passion and the events around it. Mel Gibson drew some of the material for his movie *The Passion of the Christ* from this wonderful book.

The Dolorous Passion is a treasure trove of details and information. The surface isn't even scratched by this review.

Christ's passion is described in painful detail as also is the blessed virgin's sorrow. One thing I found particularly interesting is the description of the origins of the chalice that Christ used at the last supper. It was previously in the possession of Noah, Abraham and then Malchisedech. It is made of an unknown material that can not be melted down. Veronica who was the cousin of John the Baptist was in possession of the chalice at the time of Christ. It was Veronica who brought food to Jesus while he stayed behind to preach at the temple at age 12.

There were many conversions immediately after the crucifixion. These conversions included Roman soldiers, Pilate's wife and Pharisees just to name a few.

Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerich describes the details of the last supper and the things that took place after Christ's death. Jesus' appearances to Mary before the resurrection are included. Toward the end of the book, purgatory, limbo and hell are described to some degree as Jesus passes through each before his resurrection.

There is one passage in the book I will quote because it pertains so much to the present condition of the Church and to those faithless individuals who flee from it when bumps in the road are encountered. These bumps are of course Satan's attacks on the Church which Christ established. It is too bad that many individuals succumb to his evil plan.

While in the garden of Olives, Jesus had many visions, some of the future. This was one of them:

"He saw countless numbers of other men who did not dare openly to deny him, but who passed on in disgust at the sight of the wounds of His Church, as the Levite passed by the poor man who had fallen among robbers. Like unto cowardly and faithless children, who desert their mother in the middle of the night, at the sight of the thieves and robbers to whom their negligence or their malice has opened the door, they fled from His wounded Spouse."