

Satan's Belly

Ephesians 4:9

One of Christianity's major promises is the redemption of fallen man which implies another promise—divine forgiveness. In order for God to forgive, He must first become flesh in the person of Jesus. According to God's moral economy, however, for any forgiveness to be legitimate and valid Christ must achieve standing to give it. Though perfectly innocent, He must suffer as if He were fallen and sinful and therefore pay the price of human iniquity. His suffering not only meant torture in His physical life as a man; after death He must also descend into the bowels of Hell for a time. This was His ultimate humiliation and pain.

Forgiven Christians celebrate His victorious ascent from Hell each Easter.