THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Did The Devil Win?

I have heard some say that Satan gained a victory when Jesus Christ was crucified. However, did Satan really win a victory? Throughout the life of Jesus, Satan attempted to kill Christ. For example, after Jesus was born, Herod commanded that all children under the age of two be killed (Matt. 2:16). Satan also attempted to lure Jesus away from God by appealing to the lusts of the flesh and eyes, and the pride of life (1 Jn. 2:16; Matt. 4:3-9). There are many examples throughout the Gospels when Satan attempted to thwart Christ.

John 3:16-17 says Jesus came to the earth to die on the cross and give us the opportunity to come out of darkness and into the light! This was prophesied long ago. His crucifixion, and all events surrounding that time, were according to God's will! This was not the victory of Satan. If it was God's will to have Christ crucified, how could Satan have won? What was prophesied in Genesis 3 was not a crushing of Christ's head, but of Satan's head (Gen. 3:15). However, there is a victory that Satan can win. It is the war for your soul. Satan may not have been able to stop Christ, but He will stop at nothing to see our souls destroyed (1 Pet. 5:8). Don't let Satan win.