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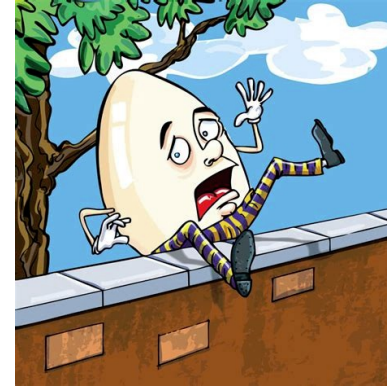
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Humpty Dumpty was in an impossible dilemma. There was no solution to his problem. He could not save himself, and other people tried but utterly failed to remedy his problem. This is a parable of man's horrible plight. Our fall took place shortly after the beginning of creation: "Wherefore, by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

Yet, heaven has a remedy: "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:17). Thus God offers this message of hope for all people like Humpty, who are broken and in pieces due to sin: **"Jesus Christ came to our wall/Jesus Christ died for our fall/So that regardless of death and in spite of our sin/Through GRACE He might put us together again."** Indeed, these are good tidings of great joy! "When we were without strength..." (Rom. 5:6). This is an awesome description of our unsaved condition: very weak, powerless, helpless. There was nothing we could do to save ourselves or to remedy our lost condition. Only Jesus Christ, God's only Saviour, could put us back together again by grace!

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