



GOOD FRIDAY 2014

THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

4.18.14

Read **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

1. THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST (4 ANGLES COMPILED)

- 1) **Jesus had a sleepless night**, praying in agony and sweating drops of blood
 - **HIS FRIENDS ABANDONED HIM**, Instead of praying, they were sleeping. When he was arrested, they ran away.
- 2) **Was betrayed by one of his closest friends**, who chose money over Him
- 3) **Was illegally arrested, bound, taken before the High Priest and two different Rulers, lied about, and was falsely tried**
- 4) **Was beaten and spit on, mocked and humiliated**
 - **BLINDFOLDED**, “Prophesy! Which one of us hit you, Jesus?!” ****BEATEN** with fists and rods.
- 5) **Jesus was rejected by His people**, who chose Barabbas to be set free instead of him
- 6) **Jesus was then scourged** (O! Don’t pass over those words quickly.)
 - **SCOURGING** = Whip with long leather straps that had heavy balls of metal (tenderize) and hooks made of bone tied to the end.
- 7) **A purple robe was placed on him and a crown of thorns was shoved on to his head** as an entire battalion of Roman soldiers mocked him and repeatedly struck him on the head with a large stick
 - Mocking him they said, “Hail, King of the Jews!”
- 8) **Jesus carried His own cross** (perhaps 100lbs) **upwards of half mile** until he finally collapsed under it’s weight
- 9) **He was then SPREAD OUT across the wood and MASSIVE NAILS were then driven** through the most sensitive nerve endings in his body—nailing him to the cross
 - Crucifixion, to this day, remains the most physically painful way you can kill someone. **Persians**—created; **Romans**—perfected. **MOST PAINFUL** for **LOGEST PERIOD OF TIME**. Some ancient accounts speak of men hanging there 9 days.
- 10) **The cross was then lifted up** and slammed into a hole in the ground, jarring his body that was gruesomely nailed to the wood,
- 11) **Jesus then hung there for 3 hours** in ***excruciating pain**, suffocating, ****Seat, Nailed the Penis**
- 12) **Again He was mocked**, while He hung on the cross,
 - “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe”
- 13) **Jesus spoke 7 times from the cross**, **1st** = “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do!”
2nd = “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
3rd = “Woman, behold your son!... behold your mother.”
4th = “I thirst.”
5th = As Darkness came over all the land, Jesus said, “My God, My God! Why have you forsaken me?”
 - **At this moment, Jesus died Spiritually.**
 - **Jesus became the most grotesque, ugly, and hideous thing in all creation.** Jesus become our sin, the very worst parts of us—**RAPISTS, THIEVES, PERVERTS, ADICTS, LIARS, GLUTTONS, GOSIPS, DRUNKS, MURDERERS, ADULTERERS, THE SEXUALLY IMMORAL, and IDOLATERS. HE BECAME EVERY BIT OF OUR SIN.**
 - **The wrath and judgement of God** that we have all earned by our sin was **poured out on Jesus—He drank the cup of God’s wrath**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:21** “He became sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”
 - **Galatians 3:13** “Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, ‘Cursed is every-one that is hanged on a tree.’”
6th = Jesus cried out with a loud voice “It is finished!”
 - The holiness, righteousness, and wrath of God was satisfied with Jesus’ sacrifice. The price was paid!
7th = Jesus cried out with a loud voice “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”
 - Jesus saves his last breath to shout out about his victory, and that He has won, and is returning to Glory!
 - Though we can’t prove it, I think that Jesus was smiling, as he accomplished all that He set out to do!

14) The Temple veil, that separated the presence of God from sinful man, was torn in two from top to bottom **The Temple veil was what guarded the Presence of God from God's people

15) Finally, an executioner drove a spear through His side, likely piercing his heart, to ensure His death.

JESUS DIED! This is not a myth. This is not a fairy tale. This is not fiction.

THIS IS EYE WITNESS TESTIMONY.

There is one thing you must not do: **You must not pity Jesus.**

John 10:18 “No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.”

2. Q. WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

A. OUR SIN IS A BIG PROBLEM (10 minutes)

1.1 SINCE THE BEGINNING, OUR CREATOR GOD, THE GOD OF THE BIBLE, HAS MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT OUR SIN IS A REAL PROBLEM ***BE QUICK

- **SIN** = Cosmic rebellion | Living as if we were King | Disobeying the Creator and Designer | Living for our own glory and praise, instead of God's
- In **Genesis 2** God told Adam and Even that “If they sin, they will die.”
- Again in **Ezekiel 18:20** the Prophet says, “The soul that sins shall die.”
- Again in **Romans 6:23** the Apostle Paul says, “The wages of sin is death...”
- And in **Isaiah 59:2** the Prophet says, “Your sins have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you.”
- **Ephesians 2:3** says we are “by nature children of wrath.”
- **Colossians 3:6** promises “the wrath of God is coming.”
- And in **Revelation 14:10–11**, we read of those who are unrepentant of their sin, “He also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb... And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night.”
- **Romans 3:23** says, “All have sinned... All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- **More than three hundred times**, the Bible speaks of people as being sinners.
- **Over six hundred times with a constellation of more than twenty words**, the Bible speaks of the wrath of God burning against sinners.
- **Nahum 1:2-3** says, “The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty.”

1.2 SIN IS A BIG PROBLEM; SIN NEEDS A BIG ANSWER ***BE QUICK

1) IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. **Passover** (roughly 1,400 years before Jesus came as a man)
2. **The Day of Atonement** (Yom Kippur) **1,400+ years
 - 1st goat represented PROPITIATION (taking the wrath)
 - 2nd goat represented EXPIATION (cleansing from all sin)

2) IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 4:10 “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

John 1:29 “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

3. WHAT JESUS ACCOMPLISHED

Hebrews 10:11-14 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has PERFECTED for all time those who are being sanctified.

Q. How can anyone be saved? How do we know that Jesus has perfected us by His Cross?

Jesus says in Mark 1:14-15 “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

The Apostle John says in John 3:36 “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 3:23-25 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

Salvation is not about what you can do; salvation is about what Jesus has done!
We are saved by the grace of God alone, through faith alone, in Jesus alone!

If you are in Christ now, or if you would come to Christ through faith,
your sin has been nailed to the Cross. Past, present, future. It's done! There are no *if's*, *and's*, or *but's*.

- 1) Jesus was *punished* that we might be *forgiven*
- 2) Jesus was *infinitely wounded* that we might be *eternally healed*
- 3) Jesus was *made sin with our sinfulness*, that we might be *made righteous with His righteousness*
- 4) Jesus *tasted death* for us that we might *share His life*
- 5) Jesus was *made a curse* that we might *receive the blessing*
- 6) Jesus *endured our poverty* that we might *share His abundance*
- 7) Jesus *bore our shame* that we might *share in His eternal glory*
- 8) Jesus *endured our rejection* that we might *have His acceptance* with God the Father
- 9) Jesus was *cut off from the land of the living* that we might *be brought in to the land of life*
- 10) *Our Old (Sinful) Self was put to death in Him* that His New (Righteous) Self might come to life in us

If you give your sin to Jesus and receive His righteousness through faith, by trusting in Him as your Savior and King... **YOUR SIN IS GONE! IT'S GONE! IT'S GONE!**

You don't have to...

Be AFRAID anymore!

JESUS satisfied the wrath of God.

Feel GUILT anymore!

JESUS was guilty for you, once for all—past, present, future sin.

Fear SEPARATION anymore!

JESUS was separated from God so we would be united with Him.

Fear REJECTION anymore!

JESUS was rejected by men and God so that you would be accepted.

Fear NOT LIVING UP anymore!

JESUS lived for you, securing your righteousness—so that God would look at you and see Jesus' righteousness.

Fear DEATH anymore!

JESUS died for you and RESURRECTED AS YOUR SAVIOR so that your death would be victory.

**Because of Jesus' Cross; Because of Good Friday: IT! IS! FINISHED!
The only question is... IS YOUR FAITH AND OBEDIENCE IN JESUS?!**