

Light & Life – The Book Of John
Why The Cross? John 19:16-30
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Sermon Notes

Big Idea:

The cross answers the question, “How could a righteous God send anyone to heaven?”

Why The Cross?

1. Jesus Went To The Cross To Pay for Our Debt of Sin, Shame & Guilt

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **John 1:29 (NLT2)**

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **Isaiah 53:3-6 (NIV)** [Isaiah written 740 to 700 BC]

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. **Zechariah 12:10 (NIV)** [Zechariah was written 520–518 BC]

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and **everything** that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. ³³ On the third day he will rise again." **Luke 18:31-33 (NIV)**

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others--one on each side and **Jesus in the middle. John 19:16-18 (NIV)**

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." **John 19:19-22 (NIV)**

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. **John 19:23-24 (NIV)** Psalm 22:18

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. **John 19:25-27 (NIV)**

²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now **completed**, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. **John 19:28-30 (NIV)**

Tetelestai = Paid In Full

He **canceled the record** of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. **Colossians 2:14 (NLT2)**

The **law of Moses** was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared **an end to sin's control** over us by giving his Son as a **sacrifice** for our sins." **Romans 8:3 (NLT2)**

For God presented Jesus as the **sacrifice for sin**. People are made right with God **when** they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. **Romans 3:25-26 (NLT2)**

➤ **Will We Accept His Payment for our sins?**

My Next Right Step I will:

- [] Accept Christ's payment for my sins
- [] Follow Jesus in believer's baptism April 14
- [] Invite someone to celebrate Easter

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Small Group Leader: Choose how many questions that will honor your time commitment. Encourage everyone to participate in either a question, reading or prayer. If using this as a family, use the icebreaker section to go deeper on Sunday’s teaching.

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Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker:

Whose death has affected you the most?

How do you feel about Jesus knowingly and willing going to the cross?

How do you feel knowing Jesus died for your sins?

What sort of sacrifices did your parents make for you?

When have you been punished for something, you didn’t do? How did that make you feel?

Explore It

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Read Isaiah 53:3-6

What is the importance of this being written between 740-700 BC?

Who is Isaiah speaking about?

Why will the messiah be punished?

Zechariah 12:10

What is the significance of Zechariah being written between 520–518 BC

Luke 18:31-33

What did Jesus tell his disciples?

Read Luke 23:39-43 How did each of the thieves respond to Jesus? How is this like the way people respond today?

Read John 19:16-30

What strikes you most about this passage?

- The callousness of the soldiers?
- The absence of most of Jesus' followers?
- The loyalty of Jesus' mother and several friends?
- Other: _____

What notice did Pilate have fastened to Jesus' cross? (19:19)

How did the chief priests want Pilate to change the sign over Jesus' head? (19:21)

What happened to Jesus' clothes? (19:23-24)

How does this compare to Psalm 22:18?

What did Jesus say to His mother and the disciple with her? (19:26-27)

To what degree are we responsible for caring for the needs of other believers?

*What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished"? (19:30)

How does this account of Jesus' crucifixion make you feel?

Read Romans 3:25-26 & Read Colossians 2:14

*What is significant about Jesus' death on the cross?

*How can you thank Jesus today for His sacrifice on the cross?

How can you use the testimony of Christ's crucifixion in telling others about Christ?

Life Application New Testament Commentary

This sour wine was not the same as the drugged wine offered to Jesus earlier (Mark 15:23). Jesus did not take the wine earlier because he wanted to be fully conscious through the entire process. Jesus tasted it, and then said, "It is finished!" According to the Greek, the one word, tetelestai, means "it is accomplished," "it is fulfilled," or even, "it is paid in full." Jesus' death accomplished redemption—"paid in full"; and his death fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies

Close in Prayer