



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 23:26-49 (NAS)

Topic: "What We View At The Cross"

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- 26 When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.
- 27 And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him.
- 28 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.
- 29 "For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'
- 30 "Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.'
- 31 "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"
- 32 Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.
- 33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.
- 34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.
- 35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."
- 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,
- 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"
- 38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."
- 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"
- 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"
- 41 "And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."
- 42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"
- 43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."
- 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two.
- 46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.
- 47 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent."
- 48 And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts.
- 49 And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

I. THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY

- A. The Cross Coupled With The Resurrection
- B. It Is What Paul Preached *I Corinthians 2:2*

II. THE STATE IN WHICH WE CAN VIEW THE CROSS

- A. Awareness Of Sin
- B. The Greatest Sin Of Man *Hebrews 7:26*
- C. The Sinless Nature Of Christ Proclaimed
- D. The Darkness Of Man's Sin *John 3:19; Matthew 25:30*
- E. The Darkness Of Your Sin *Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23*

III. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD PORTRAYED

- A. The Judgment Of Jerusalem *Mark 9:48*
- B. Christ Crucified

IV. THE LOVE OF GOD PORTRAYED

- A. Christ Allowed It To Happen *John 10:17, 18*
- B. The Forgiveness Christ Demonstrated *I Corinthians 13:5; Matthew 5:44*

V. THE NATURE OF CHRIST VIEWED AT THE CROSS

- A. His Humanity
- B. His Kingship
- C. His Righteousness
- D. His Death *I Corinthians 15:55-57*