


JESUS'S EXECUTION - THE GLORIFIED CHRIST

Matthew 27:15-44

Suffering Prior to Crucifixion

- Roman soldiers are clueless, ordered to scourge and crucify Jesus.
- Their cruel mockery revealed their own wickedness.
- “I gave my back to those who strike Me. And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting, For the Lord God helps Me, Therefore I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know I will not be ashamed. Isaiah 50:6-7
- Jesus knew all of these things were part of the Father’s plan, so He suffered willingly and patiently.


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- After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to be crucify Him. As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear His cross.

Matt. 27:31 -32

- Simon of Cyrene was compelled to carry Jesus' cross. He was not able to do so after the beatings.


Jesus Last Public Message

- “And following Him was a large crowd of people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. But Jesus turning to them said. “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and your children. 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. Then they will begin to say to the mountains Fall on Us, and to the hills, Cover us. Luke 23: 27-31
- Jesus is warning Israel of the atrocities that they would suffer under the Romans.

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- Crucifixion took place outside the city according to Roman law, in a highly traveled area to make a public spectacle.
 - They offered Him wine with gall to drink, He refused it. (Matt. 27:34) He did not want His senses numbed.

The Crucifixion

- A death of intense shame and equally intense pain, and yet Christ spoke forth words of truth and grace.
- “I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue cleaves to My jaws; And You lay Me in the dust of death. For the dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me: They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. Psalm 22:14-18

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- See My hands and My feet, see that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. And when He had said this, He showed them his hands and His feet.

Luke 24:39-40

Jesus Speaks from The Cross

- As Jesus hung on Calvary's cross. He spoke seven times. The last words uttered by a person before death have often held significance for their loved ones. Those from Christ's lips are unparalleled in their richness and are weighted with deep theological significance that helps believers better understand his person, character, suffering, and redemptive work.
- "Father; forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)

A Promise of Salvation

- **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43)**

A Provision for His Mother

- When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple that He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

John 19:26-27

A Petition to The Father

- **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
(Matt. 27:46)**

To Fulfill the Scripture

- After this Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, “I am thirsty”
John 19:28
- A single word in the Greek text, Jesus’ fifth saying from the cross reveals the humanness of this experience. He experienced physical thirst arising out of intense exhaustion and physical agony.
- He also reveals His knowledge of the Scriptures and His determination to complete all the prophecy about Himself.

A Proclamation of Victory

- Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit. John 19:30
- Christ died as no other man has ever died. In one sense, he was murdered by the hands of wicked men. In another sense, the Father sent him to the cross and put him to grief. However, in still another sense, no one took Jesus’ life. He himself gave it up willingly for those whom he loved selflessly and sacrificially.

A Prayer of Consummation

- And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “**Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.**” Having said this, He breathed His last. Luke 23:46
- **For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on my own Initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.**

John 10:17-18

Christ' Death and Atonement

- How Jesus died is one thing; why he died is infinitely more important. The biblical fact is that his death was necessary, determined from before the foundation of the earth, and a necessity for our salvation.
- Christian theology focuses on the saving work of Jesus Christ in his substitutionary death and resurrection.
- These two truths form the gospel's core message regarding salvation.

Old Testament Revelation about Christ's Substitutionary Sacrifice

- The Passover in Exodus 12 is a symbol of a substitutionary sacrifice for Israel.
- The Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16 – The scapegoat symbolizes the removal of sin from the presence of God.
- The suffering servant's sacrifice in Isaiah 52 illustrates, "The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all"


His Resurrection and Ascension

- His resurrection seals the deal, without it his death fails to provide the grounds for salvation from sin.
- Jesus and the New Testament writers confirm the prophets had the significant facts concerning Christ
- And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Luke 24:25-26
- Scripture teaches Christ ascended back into heaven and is seated at the right hand of His Father.

The Glorified Christ

- **Heavenly intercessor** – Christ has ascended to the right hand of the Father, where he mediates as the believer's advocate. There the Savior "is interceding for us" (Rom. 8:34) (1 John 2:1)
- **Rapture** - We believe that Scripture makes clear that the Rapture of the Church is the next event in God's redemptive schedule. (1 Thess. 4:13-18, 1 Cor. 15:51-58)
- **Judgment Seat** – The Lord Jesus Christ-the judge of all people (John 5:22-23) He will judge believers at what is called the judgment seat of Christ. (2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:10-15)

- **Second Coming** - The Greek term parousia literally means “presence.” In the NT this term points to a unique and distinct “coming.” (Matt. 24: 3, 27.37.39; 2 Thess.2:8) The Father has already given all authority to the Son for the execution of judgment. (Matt. 25:31-32)
- **Millennial Reign** - Returning with his raptured and glorified church, Christ will establish his millennial kingdom on earth. (Rev. 20:1-4) Jesus reigns for 1,000 years on earth fulfills numerous Old Testament prophecies

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- **Great White Throne Judgment** – After the millennial kingdom, Christ will judge the unbelieving dead at the great white throne. (Rev.20:11-15)
 - **Eternity Future** – At the end of this world's history, God will gather everything to himself in the new heaven and the new earth that he will create. (Rev.21:1-5)