

The Key to it All

Discipleship is a Relationship

1. With God
2. With Family
3. With the Church
4. With the Lost

Suggested Memory Verses

- Luke 9:21-27
 2 Corinthians 5:21
 Galatians 2:20
 I John 1:5

Purpose: To show God's solution to man's missing the mark.

I. Introduction:

A. The cross was God's demonstration of love for mankind.

What is mankind's means to demonstrate our love to the Lord? (John 14:15)

B. The cross was also the fulfilling of the Law of God.

C. The cross was God's way of delivering His people from the Old Covenant to a New Covenant. The New Covenant is different from the Old. (Hebrews 8:1-13)

D. Did God need the cross to save people from their sins or did God choose the cross to save people from their sins?

II. Christ's death upon the cross provides forgiveness of sin.

A. Ephesians 1:7

B. Colossians 1:13-14

C. Romans 3:25

D. Hebrews 9:22

III. Christ's death on the cross fulfills the Old Testament law.

A. Colossians 2:14

B. Galatians 2:19-21

C. Hebrews 8:13

D. From these three passages, how did the cross fulfill the Old Testament law?

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IV. Christ's death on the cross made the death, burial, and resurrection possible.

(Without the cross, these events, that have never been duplicated, would not have occurred.)

A. Philippians 3:10

B. 1 Peter 1:3-4

C. 1 Peter 3:21b

D. How does Jesus' death on the cross, define for us what it means to extend grace and mercy to another individual?

V. The cost of the cross

A. Emotional Pain

1. Matthew 26:36-38 -Jesus' burden over His coming death.
2. Matthew 26:40 - Jesus encountered loneliness and desertion (26:56) even by friends.
3. Matthew 26:59 - Jesus was falsely accused by religious leaders.
4. Matthew 26:69-75 - Jesus was denied by one of His closest disciples, Peter.

B. Physical Pain - Matthew 26:67: they spit in His face, struck Him with their fists, slapped and taunted Him. (For the following three points read excerpts from the medical report attached.)

1. Matthew 27:26 - Flogging
2. Matthew 27:27-31 - Mocking
3. Matthew 27:32-44 – Crucifixion

C. Spiritual Pain

1. Matthew 27:46 - Why did Jesus say this?
2. Hebrews 4:15 - Jesus had never sinned.
3. 2 Corinthians 5:21 - Jesus became sin on the cross (took our sins) to give us a way out of the slavery of sin. Do you remember the way you felt the last time you knew you had sinned? Was there any guilt? Imagine how Jesus felt. Which pain do you think was hardest to bear of the three?
Emotional?

Physical?

Spiritual?

Why?

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VI. Conclusion

- A. Do you see the need on God's part for Jesus' death on the cross?

- B. Can you relate to and personally feel what occurred on the cross?

- C. Carefully read the attached medical report written by C. Truman Davis, M.D., and consider the cost of the cross which was born by Jesus Christ. As you read Truman Davis' account, write down any comments you may have.