

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Eddie Dickinson

On the Table: Head - David Key  
Servers - Josh Berryhill  
Gary Addison  
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Arlen Foss

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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# *When I See Mount Calvary*



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**Jesus On The Way To Golgotha (Luke 23:26-33)**

By Billy R. Smith

The sight of the rejected, condemned, and scourged Messiah struggling under the weight of His own cross is one of the most dramatic scenes in Scripture. But the cross He bore that fateful Friday was not really His; it was ours! If we are to be saved by His cross, we must take up our own cross, daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

**The Story**

Upon receiving the sentence from Pilate to be crucified, Jesus is led by Roman soldiers through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgotha, “the place of the skull”, the site of public execution of criminals. The soldiers compel a bystander, Simon of Cyrene, to assist Jesus with carrying the cross. As a group of Jerusalem women join the procession to openly weep in behalf of the Lord, He turns to lovingly rebuke them, instructing them to weep not for Him, but for themselves and their children. He foretells the future suffering and destruction of the city and its residents. If such treatment could come upon the innocent Son of God, think of the treatment that is reserved for the guilty city of God!

In that day, those who had previously bemoaned their childlessness will rejoice that they have no children to be destroyed along with themselves. While Jesus did not deserve to die, there were two criminals deserving of death who accompanied Him to the cross. Upon arriving at Golgotha, “there they crucified Him”, with one criminal on His right and the other on His left (Isaiah 53:9, 12).

**The Application**

What does this familiar story teach us? First, we are reminded of the Lord’s great love for a lost world. Jesus went to the cross not out of force, but out of love; not out of weakness, but out of strength. He went willingly, in perfect submission to the Father’s will (Luke 22:42). For this cause came He into the world (John 12:27) seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10). There is no greater love than this (John 15:13).

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Please remember the family of Chad Henderson in your prayers, his funeral was last Thursday.

Faye Cotton: please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers; she is very weak and she has asked for us to pray that she can receive relief from the pain.

Danny Berryhill: having trouble with his lungs, please pray that he can receive help with this problem

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Doug Roberts: is in the nursing home in Hamilton recovering from a recent stroke, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Sue Berryhill: had a cancerous spot removed from her hip, let us pray that the surgeon was able to remove all the cancer, she will get another report in a few days.

Bobby Sanderson: is in rehab at the nursing home in Winfield and he is improving, please pray that improvement continues and that he will have a complete recovery.

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Deborah Pollard: is currently taking cancer treatments, please pray that these treatments will be successful in defeating her cancer

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Fellowship Meal	
Today	Bible Bowl {Cleveland}	2:00 pm
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Country Place	2:00 pm

Second, in response to His love, we are constrained to love Him in return (II Cor. 5:14). “We love Him because He first loved us” (I John 4:19). How can we view this magnificent scene and not be touched by the full self-sacrifice of Jesus for a people who in no wise deserve it? “Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift” (II Cor. 9:15)!

Third, Simon of Cyrene carrying the cross for Jesus but illustrates that we have our own cross to bear as we daily follow the footsteps of Jesus. This cross represents our death to self and our service to the Lord and our fellowman.

Fourth, there is the Lord’s clear warning. As He rebuked the wailing women of Jerusalem for not seeing their own coming destruction, so is His rebuke a warning for all who continue to ignore the message of the cross. All that happened to Jesus led to His exaltation, but those who insist on rejecting Him will know nothing but eternal condemnation (Mark 16:16).

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
And all the world go free?  
No, there’s a cross for everyone,  
And there’s a cross for me.

*The Spiritual Sword*, “Some Stories About Jesus”, vol. 20, no. 4, July 1989, p. 34-35.

**Some Things Which Accompany Jesus' Death (Matthew 27:51-56)**

By Foy L. Smith

The saddest event in the history of mankind was the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, for the lost world, it was the happiest event, for out of his death came life now and forevermore for the obedient. It was like Samson's riddle: "Out of the strong came forth sweetness" (Judges 14:14). This greatest event in the history of mankind had been in preparation for at least four thousand years. When we look back over these years we can see the matchless love our Father had for us, even "from all eternity". The agony of Jesus on the cross has no comparison His death was humiliating, even to the point of parting his garments and exposing him before the mockers. They flaunted the fact that he trusted in God, and even said, "If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross". After he was thus humiliated, despising the shame, he yielded up the ghost. And then things really began to happen.

**"The Veil of the Temple Was Rent"**

The tabernacle in the days of Moses, built according to the pattern "shewed to thee in the mount" (Heb. 8:5), was a portable tent consisting of the Holy place and the Holy of holies place. The two were separated by a veil, and into the second only the high priest could go and that once a year (Heb. 9:7). There he offered blood for his sins and the sins of the people. When Jesus died, accompanying his death, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom, signifying that the way to heaven, barricaded for four thousand years was now open. Man, for the first time could go all the way (Jn. 14:6).

**"The Earth Did Quake"**

When God gave the ten commandments to Moses Mount Sinai quaked something fearful (Ex. 19:18). The earth has quaked all these years, and here in California we feel its quakes very frequently. But there has never been a quaking quite like that which occurred when Jesus died. John says that the unprepared will pray for the "rocks and mountains" to fall upon them so they will not have to face the King who then will be their Judge (Rev. 6:15-16). But no such will happen. The quakes will be over. Now it is accounting time (Heb. 9:27).

**"And the Graves Were Opened"**

All we know is what we read here. Resurrections took place and some of the dead arose and appeared unto many. Herein are some questions we cannot answer. But we do know that by that same power every grave will be opened in the last day and the righteous will go into the City of God, never to die again. How wonderful that day of eternity will be! There will be no more dying, no more tears-just happiness forever and ever. The human mind cannot fathom this glad reality, but we who truly believe accept it without questions. The whole Christian system is built upon the fact that Jesus came forth from the grave and at his voice so will we. A man said to Tallyrand, during the French Revolution, "Anyone could start a religion like that!" To which Tallyrand replied, "All he will have to do is go out, get himself crucified, and rise the third day!"

**Conclusion**

It is no small wonder that the Centurion, after witnessing all these things accompanying Jesus' death, cried out, "TRULY THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD!"

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**Special Note**

Thank you again for all your help and support during V.B.S. All the kids seemed to have a wonderful time, but most importantly a "seed" was planted that we pray will grow to produce faithful Christians.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.  
1st Corinthians 15:58