

Title: The Crucifixion of Christ *(The Place of The Cross)* *(Part I)*

Text: Mark 15:22-41 *(vs 22-28)*

I would ask you to turn in your Bibles to Mark chapter 15. The Gospel of Mark chapter 15 beginning with Vs 22 and reading through Verse 41.

(Read 15:22-41)

Prayer

Our Father, we thank you and praise you for the day that Jesus died. We know that for ever and ever you shall remain us of that day. And all heaven will sing "WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN." We thank you that according to your Word he was a "lamb slain before the foundation of the world." That the son of man came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost. And we thank you that in the precious blood of Jesus we find forgiveness. And we thank you that every sin that was ever committed by us and every sin that might be committed by us in the future was laid on Jesus. We thank you that His death was sufficient for all people. And yet we know that there is only redemption for those who believe. There is no way that we can be delivered from the penalty and consequence of sin unless we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. ~~It only works for those who believe.~~

Father I thank you for saying that "if Jesus would be lefted up he would draw all men unto him." We thank you that the Good shephred who gives his life for the sheep will also protect the sheep. He said "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish and neither shall anyone take them from me." We thank you for the security that we have because of what Jesus did long ago on the cross. Add Father, my the death of Jesus on the cross always be a part of our thinking and our Praise. We PRAY IN JESUS NAME....AMEN.

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In speaking about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, I remind you of the promise of the cross ^{throughout} ~~the~~ scripture. There is no question but this book bleeds where ever you touch it. Both in the sacrificial system in the O.T., and in the declarations of the Prophets, in the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. Constantly the cross is glorified.

I believe we ought to glory in the Cross. And what happened there, in the one who died for our sins. I believe we ought to understand that all of that which we call "spiritual blessings", in the christian life, are based on the work of the cross. In fact, all of christian growth and maturity is based upon the work of the cross. There is no way, dear friends, in having begun in the spirit are we made perfect in the flesh.

And Paul wrote to the Galatians, "Who has bewitched you, you before ~~whom~~ whom Jesus Christ was crucified." His point was that those who had received Christ as saviour were being deceived to think that now they could somehow program themselves to live the christian life according to their own merits. ~~But, dear friends,~~ ^{No Way} the cross is ~~still~~ central. Paul said in Gal 2:20.. "I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me. And the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith, faith in the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for ^{is} ~~is~~ righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died ^{in vain} ~~needlessly~~." *How True That is!*

The death of Christ is essential for all christian ministry and growth. We must understand that at the cross everything happened. Paul wrote in Ephesian 1:3 that we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. And he went on to prove that it was because of the work of Jesus Christ at the cross that that fact exist.

Everything that you and I want to see in the way of Christian fruitfulness and blessings in our life, whether you know it or not, is based on the fact of what Jesus Christ did on the cross.....Everything....And most christians remain ignored of it. ^{They} ~~The only thing that know is that he paid for sins.~~ ~~We are forgiven and we are on our way to heaven.~~

In fact, one writer records 36 christian doctrines that happened and occurred at the death of Jesus Christ. We, dear friends, have been blessed at what Christ did at the cross. Probable more then we fully realize.

(1B) Now, lets begin by looking at verse 22 to 28 at the place of the crucifixion. THE PLACE OF THE CRUCIFIXION. And I want you to see several things here.

(1C) First, the location. The location. The Bible says in Verse 22..."they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, PLACE OF A SKULL."

Now, in Jersulem out side its northern gate, I am told ~~you~~ you will find a little hill. Today, there is an Arba cemintary on the top of the hill. And on the little hill you can still see the ^{impression of} eyes and nose ^{that forms} of a skull ~~in that hill~~. It is, also, the place where there is a garden. And many believe that is where the garden tomb is found. It was cut into the rock at the foot of this hill. And today, I am told, you can stand in that garden at the enterance to the tomb and see the Skull of the hill. And that is the place where Jesus died. It is out side the northern wall.

Now, dear friends, did you know that when it says that Jesus was crucified outside the gate he was fulffilling an O.T. type? Did you know that?

Turn, please, to Hebrews chapter 13 and verse 12. Hebrews chapter 13 verse 12. I believe the writer, Paul, is telling us that Christ's death, outside of the gate, is a fulfillment of a Biblical type that was done in the O.T. Hebrews chapter 13 verse 12 says "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. "

The writer here is reminding the people of a historical fact. Which they would have known. Because Jerselem and its Temple had not been destroyed at the time of the writting of Hebrews. Temple sacrifices are still going on.

The Book of Hebrews was written sometime before 70 A.D.
So, it is not yet 70 A.D. ~~And~~

And there are people still alive who remembers the crucifixion. And who where there. And he says "remember it was through His own blood that he suffered outside the gate.

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Now, the next verse says, "Hence, let us go out to him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come."

The ¹writers argument, writting to Jews, is..that it is not in the present city of Jerselem and its Temple and its sacrifices that we have hope.

The problem of Hebrews, the major problem, is that sacrifices continue to be done. Yet, Jesus had already died on the cross. And the finality of the person and work of Christ is the argument of Hebrews.

So, the writer is saying that we have to go outside of the camp, which ever Jew knew meant the Temple area, or the Tabernacle of the O.T. And the reason why we need to go outside of the context of Judiasm is that Christ has suffered outside of the gate.

YOU ASK, WHA IS THAT IMPORTANT?

Turn, back, to the O.T. to the book of Leviticus chapter 16. Leviticus chapter 16. And we will look at verses 20 to 22. When Christ died outside the gate, at the place of the skull, ~~He~~ was fulfilling a type.

Leviticus 16 verse 20...In Leviticus 16 you have the day of atonement, YOM KIPPER, which national salvation for Israel is being pictured. Not ~~individual~~ individual salvation. If an individaul Jew did not bring a sacrifice for his own particular sin, the Bible says that he was cut off from the congregation forever. Which means this: that when they practice the day of atonement, they pictured that all Israel ^{could} ~~would~~ be saved. The blood of the sacrificial lamb was taken into the HOLY OF HOLIES AND PLACED ON THE MERCY SEAT. And what occured there is called PROPITIATION. Which I John 2;2 says "Christ is the propitiation for our sins, not only our sines, but the sins of the whole world."

Now, the word "PROPITIATION" means "satisfaction." Satisfing the righteous wrath of God.

Now, ^{at each end of} on the MERCY SEAT you have two angels--cherabes -- made out of solid gold - looking down on it. They are angels of judgment. As though God is ready to judge the people because of their sin. When the blood is placed by the High Priest on the MERCY SEAT it atones or covers for their sin so that God's judgement passes over as the death angel based over in ancient Egypt,
at the time of the passover.

And all of the nation is being atoned for...That is why YOM KIPPER is so important to Jews today. It is national atonement.

But, the question is..even though the blood poured on the mercy seat by the High Priest provided national atonement and salvation for Israel, did that mean that every Jew was saved?....AND THE ANSWER IS ..NO!

The O.T. law is clear. When they sinned they had to bring the individual sacrifice for sin even though their national salvation has already been pictured. And that, dear friends, is taught in the N.T. And explains a great problem in the scriptures.

Christ died for the whole world, the Bible says. Some don't like that. So, they say that Christ only died for those who would believe. But, the Bible is clear. He died for the whole world----those who ^{would} ~~would~~ believe and those who do not believe.

You say, How is that? Will, I John 2:2 is very clear. "He is the propitiation". WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? The word means "Mercy seat". And it goes back to the O.T. to picture the satisfaction of the righteous wrath of God. If Christ is God in flesh then his infinite life has to, in some sense, pay for the sins of the whole world..every last man, woman, and child.

But, just like in Israel so it is today, just because ^{you} ~~he~~ died for the whole world, it does not mean that the whole world is going to be saved. You must, also, individual, just like every Jew had to do, apply what God says. You must believe in his atonement. *John 3:16*

And redemption(meaning God buying out of the slave market of sin a people for himself) being redeemed is only for those who accept Christ's work on the cross. That Christ died on the cross to satisfy the righteous wrath of God, but it is only applied to those who WOULD BELIEVE.

Now, in Leviticus 16 a very interesting thing is pictured on the day of atonement, **which** pictures national salvation, There were two goats used. One was killed inside the camp. The other was alive and set out into the wilderness. Let's read it...Vs 20...(READ VS 20-22)

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It was outside the camp...You see, dear friends, Jesus is pictured not only by the goat that was killed and the blood placed on the mercy seat. But he is also pictured by the live goat that is set out into the wilderness bearing the sins of the people. FANTASTICE...

THE PLACE----IT WAS OUTSIDE THE GATE. Christ died in fulfillment of a Biblical type outside the northern wall of the city of Jerselem. Thus, fulfilling a type completely. *OK. Come back to Mark 15*

(20) Now, there is a second thing that I want to look at as to the place of his crucifixion. And that deals with his Alertness. In spite of the suffering Christ wanted to remain alert through the entire thing. And it is very interesting what Mark records, here. In chapter 15 verse 23..It says, "and they tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it."

at Now the question is WHY? By the way in Matthew 27:34 we learn that Jesus did tast the myrrh, but then he wanted nothing to do with it. They tried to force it on him. The text says that they tried to press it against his mouth. But he was unwilling to drink it.NOW WHY?

Well, in going back a little bit in Roman history we find that they used this in order to dope up the person. ~~To make it easier, not on the one dying, but on the Romans who are putting them to death.~~ *No that the pain would not be* *No great*

Crucifixions were so horrible and torreous that that often had enormous resistance, from those that they were going to crucify. So when they gave this drunk, it would dope up the person so that they were easier to manage.

Christ, inspite of the condition that he was now in, suffering greater, still refused to tast the drink. He wanted to be alert throughout his suffering.

And by ~~the way,~~ *The man* *again uses* that was a fulfillment of prophecy. In Psalms 69 verse 21 it says, "~~They also gave me gall for my food, and formy thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.~~" *That he would be offered this drink - But he refused*

Now, vinegar comes later. But that gall, that mixure, that drink that caused one to become doped up, Christ refused to take at the cross.

And that is amazing considering the suffering, and the pain that he was under on that occassion.

(3) The third thing that I would like you to notice about the place of his crucifixion deals with his garments in verse 24. It says in Mark 15:24 "that they divided up his garments among themselves, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take."

Now, this has troubled people. My own opinion of this is that there were two garments being discussed. As you know, one of those garments they did not want to tear. And that is why they cast lots for them. But the plural in the word "garments" seems to indicate that it refers to the inward tunic that was worn. And ^{then there was} the outer garments which was worn like a robe. There were two basic garments that every man wore. ~~was~~ I believe that is the simplest answer as to the dividing up of his garments.

But, the one piece that they were casting lots for was that outer garment. Now, I would like you to turn back to Psalms 22. For once again this was a fulfillment of ~~prophecy~~ prophecy. Psalms 22 is certainly a Messianic Psalm dealing with the death and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

But, notice Vs 18 of Psalm 22..."They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots."

It is a fulfillment of prophecy. But the thing that hit me is what is recorded in Proverbs chapter 16 verse 33..."The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the Lord." *Isn't that interesting*

As those Romans cast lots for the garments of Jesus, the last thing in their heads would be that they were doing what God wanted them to do. And it just hit me as being unusually because casting lots was gambling. And it is sort of funny that these Roman soldiers, so use to gambling, were doing just ~~what~~ ^{what} God wanted them to do on that occasion. And they didn't even know it. Hay! there is no chance with God. And the 24 hour period in which Jesus suffered and died only proves that. That Jesus fulfilled, as some say, some 30 prophecies in that 24 hour period. There is no chance..no luck.. everything was done right on schedule just like God predicted. It was all a fulfillment of prophecy...everything that happened.

(4) the fourth thing that I draw to your attention about that place of crucifixion deals with time.

Come back to Mark 15

According to the Bible, in Mark 15, verse 25, it happened at the third hour of the day. That is nine oclock in the morning.

Now, there has been a trail that took all night. ^{Jesus} He has been before the Sanhedian twic. He was questioned by Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high Priest that year. He has, ^{also} ~~sins~~, had a trial before Herod. And he has had a trail before Piilate. Really two of them separated by the trail before Herod. He is exhusted. He has been beaten. He has been Scourged by the Romans. He was spite upon, and a crown of thrones had been crushed down upon his head. And at this point it is a miracle that Jesus is alive.

And then early in the morning they led him through the streets of Jersualem to that hill out side the narthern wall and crucified him.

And ^{The} ~~the~~ Bible tells us that in all that mulitude of people there were many godly people. And they were weeping. And Jesus told them not to weep for him, but for themseleves and their own childen. Those who rejected the Son of God. The Only salvation for their sins.

We are told, also, that there was an inscription above the cross at this place of crucifixion, according to verse 26.

Now, a lot of people have tried to made the Bible inconsistent at this point. They have said that the Bible does not agree. Let me just give you what the four Gospels say.

In Mark it simple says "THE KING OF THE JEWS." -vs 26

In Matthew it says, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

In Luke it says, "THIS IS THE KING ~~OF THE KING~~ OF THE JEWS."

IN John it says, "Jesus of Nazarth, the King of the Jews."

Now, according to the Bible, the inscription was written in three lanuages. It is written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.

Some have said that the different writers are taking the ~~different~~ translations from those different languages. But that really isn't necessary.

Acturally, if you say ~~was~~ was on the cross, and if it followed the normall Roman pattern, it would begin, "THIS IS....then the name of the ~~person~~ person...where they are from...and then what ever title they might have.

This is - Harusa - Ben Alendi, Poston

So, it seems to me that what we have here is ^{the} ~~a~~ statement..THIS IS JESUS OF NARATHA THE KING OF THE JEWS. And each witer simple takes the phrase that is important to him.

No, there is no contridicktion between the Gospel accounts because there is no CHANGE OF WORDS. Meaning/...there ~~are~~ ^{are} no words in Luke that ~~is~~ ^{are} different from John or Matthew. There might be more words in one account than another. BUT NO CHANGE OF WORDS. It simple said, THIS IS JESUS, OF NAZARTHA, THE KING OF THE JEWS. That is what was on the cross.

(3) | And, also, in terms of the thieves. Once again we have a fulfillment of prophecy. Mark 15 verse 27 says, "And they crucified two robbers with Him, one on the right and one on the left. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, 'And He was reckoned with transgressors.'" That comes from Isaiah ⁵³ ~~53~~;12. He was numbered with transgressors.

And in those three men on the cross, dear friends, ~~I think you see the~~ ^{you have a} beautiful picture of salvation.

We do ~~not~~ ^{know} that one of those thieves on the cross repented. And one of them didn't. You have three men...you have three crosses. In the case of the thief who did not repent, sin was in him because he had a sin nature. And sin was on him in terms of penalty. For he died a lost man.

In the case of the man who repented, sin was in him. He had a sin nature. But sin was not on him the moment he trusted Jesus Christ. And Jesus said, "Today you shall be with me in paradise."

And in the case of Jesus, there was no sin in him because he had ~~no~~ sin nature. But all the sin of the world was on him.

Three men...three crosses..telling the story of salvation.....

^{you see} ~~and~~ the same thing is ture about every person in this room today.

There are some of you who like the unrepented thief engore God's plan of slavation for you through Jesus Christ. And like that thief you are still lost. You have a sin nature and you are under the pentality of sin.

But praise God, most of us, here, have repented. And even though we still have a sin nature, the pentality of sin has been remove by the blood of Jesus. AND WE ARE SAVED.....

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