



The cross of Christ
means the
manifestation of
God's love.

— MARK 15 —

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Mark 15:1: Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.

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Luke 23:13–16 : Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, said to them, ‘You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.

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Mark 15:9–14 : ‘But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!” Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!”’

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Mark 15:7–11 : “And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.”

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Romans 5:8 : “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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Romans 3:24–25: “being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.”

2.A Love That Sacrifices Itself

Mark 15:29–31: “And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save.”

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John 20:30–31 :“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

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1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

3. But what lesson can we learn from the death of Jesus Christ?

I. Jesus Christ willingly chose to be crucified for us.

John 10:17–18 : Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again...

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Matthew 26:53–54: Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?

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II. Jesus Christ was crucified as the final and perfect sacrifice, fulfilling and bringing to an end all the sacrifices of the Old Testament that pointed to the atonement of sin.

Hebrews 10:10–12 “By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands ministering daily... offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God”

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III. Jesus Christ was crucified for the sins of all mankind.

1 Corinthians 15:3: “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,”

3. But what lesson can we learn from the death of Jesus Christ?

IV. He was crucified to bring us to God and make us righteous.

1 Peter 3:18 : “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

3. But what lesson can we learn from the death of Jesus Christ?

V. Christ gave Himself to be crucified, so that through this great work, He would grant us redemption.

Ephesians 1:7 “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

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VI. Jesus Christ was crucified so that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 14:9 “For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.”
