

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 23:26-34

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **IT'S THE CROSS**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Atonement, Salvation, Judgment, Cross**

Now, by the time we get to the events of the crucifixion, if we were to assemble the eyewitness accounts of those present, we would see that Jesus Christ is a mass of mutilated, bloody flesh that - - according to the scripture, He was an appalling sight to behold!

#### **At His Coming**

##### **Isaiah 52:14**

Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness

#### **At His Coming**

##### **Zechariah 13:6**

If someone asks him, 'What are these wounds on your body?' he will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.'

#### **And In Eternity**

##### **Revelation 5:6**

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain...

### Luke 23:26-34

Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and **on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.** :27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. :28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, **“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.** :29 **For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, “Blessed are the barren wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!”** :30 **Then they will begin “to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, “Cover us!”** :31 **For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”** :32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. :33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, **there they crucified Him,** and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. :34 Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” And they divided His garments and cast lots.

## IT'S THE CROSS

*THAT'S UNIQUE TO CHRISTIANITY!*

### 1.) That's Embraced by those who believe vs. 26-27

Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a **certain** man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and **on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.** :27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also **mourned** and **lamented** Him.

**on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.  
What were the disciples thinking & remembering?**

### Luke 9:23

Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

### Luke 14:25-27

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, :26 “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. :27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Jesus isn't Being Mean Here, He is Saying  
there will come a moment when – in your life, you will need to love Me more  
than anyone or anything else in life

**Note This.**

Simon is now carrying the Roman "Patibulum" the cross beam,  
It's Jesus' Patibulum!

And isn't this a perfect picture of the Christian life?

Simon is now walking directly behind Jesus  
on the "Via Dolorosa" - The Way of The Cross!

**Simon is hearing the words being said and  
shouted.** He is seeing and smelling the spit and venom that's flying at Jesus!

**1 Corinthians 3:18-19**

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him  
become a **fool** that he may become wise. :**19** For the wisdom of this world is  
foolishness with God.

a **certain** man, Simon a **Cyrenian**  
(Cyrene is today's Tripoli, Libya – Simon was a North African)

**Acts 6:9**

Tells us that there was a Synagogue of Cyrenians,  
he was in Jerusalem for Passover. He's Jewish.

**Mark 15:21**

Simon the Cyrenian, was the father of Alexander and Rufus,  
And that his wife became a well-known Christian woman

**There is no true Christianity in your life**

If you don't **feel the weight of the cross** on your shoulders in this life.  
because of Him.

**There is no true Christianity in your life**

If there is **no sacrifice or pain or sorrow** in your life  
because of Him.

# There is no true Christianity in your life

If there is **no humiliation and rejection**  
because of Him.

## 2 Timothy 3:10-12

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, :11 persecutions, sufferings — what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. :12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

## !!!So, You Can Imagine Simon's Testimony!!!

You can't carry the cross of Christ without having a story to tell.

"Mr. Simon sir, what was it like...?"

Christians have a story to tell – about how He lives in their lives.

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### 2.) That's Rejected by those who disbelieve vs. 28-29

:28 But Jesus, turning to **them**, said, "**Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. :29 For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, "Blessed are the barren wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!"**

## Here Jesus Christ Warns of the Coming Days

of persecution and the diaspora that will come upon the Christians that follow Jesus in this world.

## 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the **message of the cross** is foolishness to those who are **perishing**,  
(*Hell bound*) but to us who are being saved - it **is the power of God**.

Jesus, lovingly, compassionately  
tells them

## **“The approaching truth”**

***Life is about to become very hard for you – the women & children of Israel.  
Because its national leaders have lost their way.***

Even in our world - as you mature along – the thought will arise,  
“Do I want to bring children into this world?”

## **Israel’s National Leaders Had Casts Their Vote.**

### **John 3:18-19b**

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **:19**  
And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light,

### **Mark 15:30-31**

save Yourself and come down from the cross!” **:31** Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said,  
“He saved others; Himself He cannot save.

## **Your Personal Doctrine, What You Believe - Matters**

### **John 8:42-44**

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **:43** Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. **:44** You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning,

There are Steps to Avoid to Rejecting Christ  
**Self Reliance / Independent Mindset / Human Pride**

## **Have You Ever Paused to See If You’re Avoiding These Steps toward Rejecting Christ?**

### **Philippians 3:18**

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are the enemies (rejectors) of the cross* of Christ:

### **Galatians 2:21**

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

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**3.) That's Preparing us for what's ahead vs. 30-31**

**:30 Then they will begin "to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" :31 For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"**

**Jesus here is quoting from the Bible in Hosea 10:8  
(The near fulfillment) & Revelation 6:16 (the far fulfillment)**

If this is being done while the grace of God is  
among you,  
What will it be like when God's hand is removed?

**Jesus is saying.  
Even though you are for me – the nation is not. And everyone will suffer the  
consequences of this national disaster.**

**As Christians - we can say that same thing.  
Suffering is coming to America because of the apathy of God's people and  
because of the idiocy of our nation's godless leaders.**

**Psalm 33:12**  
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

**"Preparing us for what's ahead"**

**How does The Cross of Christ benefit me?**

*It was and is the place of contact between humanity and God.  
It's there the Lord predetermined mankind's redemption. The cross would be the place  
where mankind would be indicted, judged, & condemned –  
In Jesus Christ – He appeared there for you. – but He didn't leave us there!!!*

**What happened at The Cross of Christ?**

*There, Jesus Christ took your punishment and mine for all of us  
lust, anger, lying, hatred, selfishness...*

# ***Why is The Cross central to Christianity?***

*Do you want to destroy Christianity? Here's How – Remove the Cross*

The cross interferes with our  
man-made, human religions

***Buddhism has no cross, Hinduism has no cross,  
Jehovah Witnesses have no cross, Mormonism has no cross.  
Islam has no cross, Judaism has no cross***

## **Galatians 2:16**

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by **faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified **by faith in Christ** and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

## **Colossians 2:14**

having wiped out **the handwriting of requirements** (*the broken laws*) that was against us, which was **contrary** (*sinking or drowning*) to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having **nailed** (*fastened, pegged, titled*) it to the cross.

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### **4.) That's Separating two opposing worlds vs. 32-34**

**:32** There were also two others, - criminals, **led** with Him to be put to death. **:33** And when they had come to the place called Calvary, **there they crucified Him**, and the criminals, **one** on the right hand and the **other** on the left.

**Can I Appeal this Morning to Your Logic, Your Reason?**

(No emotions, no feelings are allowed right now - - just thinking is permitted)

**before verses 32-33 ever took place.**

The Jews had in their custody, in every synagogue around the world, what I am about to read to you...

**Isaiah 53:12b**

He poured out his life unto death,  
and was **numbered with the transgressors**.

**According to roman law,**

Jesus would have been taken out from the judgement seat of Pontius Pilate,  
Walked the longest route possible to the place of crucifixion.

The first man to begin the procession was a representative of the governor. This man would be carrying a banner with **the conviction** written on it.

**Matthew 27:37**

And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:  
**THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

**Verse 33**

**I Wanna Appeal to Your Logic, Your Reason Again?  
“There they crucified Him”**

**Psalms 22:16**

Gentiles have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, **they have pierced my hands and my feet.**

**Romans 1:14-16**

I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. **:15** So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to **preach the gospel** (*the cross*) to you who are in Rome also. **:16** For I am **not ashamed of the gospel** (*the cross*) of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and for the Greek.

**What Is The Gospel** (the good news?)

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel (*the cross*) which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **:2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **:3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died (*the cross*) for our sins according to the Scriptures, **:4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Historically, The condemned man was to carry his own cross to his judgment.



**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 Holy Spirit,

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Isaiah 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Sin Cannot Survive at The Cross. - Nothing Survives There

Those of us who have come to the cross have watched our **fears evaporating**, our **pride being washed away**, our **gossip purged** from our hearts, our **shame removed** from our memory....

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**5.) That's Giving life to all who want to live**

**vs. 34**

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive **them**, for **they** do not know what **they** do." And **they** divided His garments and cast lots.

**What an Amazing Thing this Is!**

Jesus, in His hour of suffering, prays.

"Father, forgive **them**, for **they** do not know what **they** do."

**What Do We See - But a Priest on a Cross**

He **doesn't** talk about our forgiveness. He **doesn't** hope for our salvation.

He's **creating** our forgiveness & salvation - from the cross.

He's **Dictating** Our **Rescue** - from the cross!

He's **Orchestrating** Our **Song** - from the cross!

He's **Purchasing** Our **Future** - from the cross!

**before verse 34 ever took place.**

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**Isaiah 53:12c**

“...He bore the sin of many, and made **intercession** for the transgressors”

**In just a few hours one of these roman centurions**

will be standing at the foot of the cross, he'll begin to add things up in his head and he's going to conclude, ***Jesus Christ is the Son of God***

**imagine yourself standing there.**

you're a roman soldier. You have a hammer-mallet in your hand.

You've got blood splattered all over your face and gear.

Question?

will it be the centurion **that physically nailed** his hands and feet?

will it be the centurion **that ordered the crucifixion** procedure?

will it be the centurion that **takes a spear** and runs it thru His heart?

**Romans 8:31-39**

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? **:32**

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? **:33** Who shall bring a charge against God's elect. *It is* God who justifies. **:34** Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and

furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ. *Shall* tribulation,

or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **:36** As it is written: *“For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”* **:37** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who

loved us. **:38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **:39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*End of Study*