THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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FOLLOWING JESUS

The Death of Jesus Christ

The Ultimate Impact Of Cosmic Proportion

Astounding Statements

"The COSMOS is all there is, was or ever will be" (Carl Sagan, 20th A.D.)

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"What is truth?" (Pontius Pilate, 1st A.D.)

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"For God to be truly God how can He forgive sins?" (Unknown)

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"But how can a man be in the right before God?" (Job. 9:2, ~2nd millennium B.C.)

Mark 15:15-47 [15] And wishing to satisfy the multitude, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he delivered *Him to be crucified.* [16] *And the soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort.* [17] *And they dressed Him up in purple, and after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on Him;* [18] *and they began to acclaim Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"* [19] *And they kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting at Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.* [20] *And after they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.* [21] *And they pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross.* [22] *And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.* [23] *And they tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it.* [24] *And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.* [25] *And it was the third hour when they crucified Him.*

[26] And the inscription of the charge against Him read,
"THE KING OF THE JEWS." [27] And they crucified two
robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. [28]
And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was
numbered with transgressors." [29] And those passing by
were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and
saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days, [30] save Yourself, and come
down from the cross!" [31] In the same way the chief
priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him
among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He
cannot save Himself. [32] "Let this Christ, the King of
Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may
see and believe!" And those who were crucified with Him
were casting the same insult at Him.

[33] And when the sixth hour had come, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. [34] And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" [35] And when some of the bystanders heard it, they *began saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah." [36] And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." [37] And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. [38] And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. [39] And when the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

40 And there were also *some women looking on from a distance,*
among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of
James the Less and Joses, and Salome. 41 *And when He was in*
Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there
were many other women who had come up with Him to
Jerusalem. 42 *And when evening had already come, because it*
was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43
Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council,
who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered
up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of
Jesus. 44 *And Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and*
summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He
was already dead. 45 *And ascertaining this from the centurion, he*
granted the body to Joseph. 46 *And Joseph bought a linen cloth,*
took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth, and laid Him in a
tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone
against the entrance of the tomb. 47 *And Mary Magdalene and*
Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was
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What Just Happened?

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"..the doctrines of original sin and vicarious atonement, which are intellectually contemptible and morally outrageous." (Alfred Ayer – Oxford Philosopher, 20th A.D.)

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A nice example of self sacrifice

"I could accept Jesus as a martyr, an embodiment of sacrifice, and a divine teacher, but not as the most perfect man ever born. His death on the cross was a great example to the world, but that there was anything like a mysterious or miraculous virtue in it, my heart could not accept." (Gandhi)

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A failed hope

"…Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel..." (Emmaus disciples, Luke 24:19-21)

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A statement of saving faith

"Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" (The thief on the cross, Luke23:41)

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An opening into the Presence of God

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(John 19:30)



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Fulfilled Prophecy

- Protevangelion (Gen. 3:15)
- Wounded for our transgressions (Isa. 53:5)
- The Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him (Isa. 53:6)
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- Forsaken by God (Psalm 22:1)

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Fulfilled Typology

- The brazen serpent of Moses (Numbers 21:9; John 3:14)
- The mercy seat of the tabernacle (Leviticus 16:14; Rom 3:25)
- The Passover lamb (Exodus 12:43-47; John 19:36)
- The veil of the temple (Hebrews 9:8; 10:19-20)

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"…for the cross to make any sense at all, we simply must affirm that **God was sovereign**, that human beings were **rebellious and morally responsible**, that **God's love and justice** were displayed, and that Christ died voluntarily.", D.A. Carson

Theological Aspects of the Cross

- **The Sovereignty of God in the death of Christ**
  - Delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God (Acts 2:23)
  - Christ is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8)

Theological Aspects of the Cross

- **Mankind is rebellious and morally responsible**
  - Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Timothy 1:15)
  - The accuser of the brethren accuses them before our God day and night (Rev. 12:10)

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Theological Aspects of the Cross

- **God's Love and Justice**
  - The accuser is overcome by the blood of Jesus Christ (Rev. 12:11)
  - Christ died for sins the Just for the Unjust to bring us to God (1 Pet. 3:18)

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Applied Aspects of the Cross

- The cross is where the curse of our sin was bore by Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:13)
- The cross is where God meets man's eternal need (Colossians 1:20)
- Being crucified with Christ effects the cessation of life ruled by the sinful flesh (Gal. 5:24)
- It is the Christian's eternal privilege to glory in the cross of Christ (Gal. 6:14)

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