

“NAILED”

Luke 23: 26-33

Lenten Series: CROSS/PEACE

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A NAIL

- Many nails hold a building together
- *“For the want of a nail the cause was lost”*
- Only a few nails were needed to nail Jesus to the cross

THE UNIMPORTANCE OF A NAIL

- The Gospel writers describe the agonies caused by the nail of the crucifixion
- The Gospel writer’s main concern was not *“how”* He died, but *“why”* He died
- Jesus permitted the nails to be driven into His hands to pay the price of our sin and to restore peace between God and man.

THE NAIL AND JESUS' COMMITMENT

- The Lincoln funeral train story - *“... That man died for you!”*
- Jesus died because of His commitment to save sinners like you and me.
- The nail is a symbol of Jesus' commitment because when it was pounded in, there was no turning back for our Savior.
- Jesus showed that commitment:
 - when He prayed in Gethsemane
 - when He was arrested and tried
 - when He was willingly nailed to the cross

THE NAIL AND OUR COMMITMENT

- A pounded nail is a symbol of being committed to a task
- God wants His followers to be nailed and committed to living for Him:
 - Elisha was committed to his prophet's task
 - The apostles were committed to their task - *“To follow Jesus”*
- By and through the power of the Holy Spirit God wants us to be committed:
 - committed to a life of service and obedience to Him

THE CONCLUSION OF BEING NAILED

- Rev. Beecher found a good horse
- May we be found to be good disciples