

THE FIVE FACES OF THE CROSS

THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1Co 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

1. And I will destroy all human plans of salvation no matter how wise they seem to be.
2. And I will ignore the best ideas of men, even the most brilliant of them.”

Mat 27:26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

Mat 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.

Mat 27:28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

Mat 27:29 And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Mat 27:30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

Mat 27:31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *Him*.

Mat 27:33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

Mat 27:34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

Mat 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

Mat 27:36 And sitting down they watched him there;

Mat 27:37 And set up over his head his accusation written, **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

Mat 27:38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

Mat 27:39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

Mat 27:40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Mat 27:41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,

Mat 27:42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

Mat 27:43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

Mat 27:44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

FIRST FACE AROUND THE CROSS

(MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS)

Each person saw Jesus in a different way:

SHE SAW HIM AS HER SON

Joh 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

Joh 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, **he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!**

1. Mary saw Jesus not only as the hope of the world but saw him as her son. She remembered the night of his birth with angels and shepherds and wise men. **There was no room for him in the Inn.** She remembered his smile and the joy he brought to her and Joseph.
2. **She no doubt rehearsed when he when he was just twelve years old,** He came up missing and when she went to look for him she found Him sitting with doctors and lawyers answering their questions. And when they tried to correct Him he answered “how is it that ye sought me, wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?”
3. **She began to recall the Prophecy of Simeon** “A sword shall pierce through thy own soul”
4. **And the Word of the Lord that came to Joseph:** (Mat 1:2 “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.)
5. And she remembered his first Miracle: At the marriage of Cana of Galilee. When the wine had run out and when Mary said to the servants “Whatsoever He saith unto you to do, do it.

SECOND FACE AROUND THE CROSS

(Mary Magdalene)

SHE SAW HIM AS HER DELIVER:

“Whom Seven Devils was cast out”

1. **She remembered the sleepless nights ant the torments of her mind night and day,** bound feelings of devils in controlling her life. She felt hopeless, and thought no one really cared and understood her condition, **UNTIL SHE MEET JESUS HER DELIVER**

3. She is no doubt the person at the Pharisees House in Luke chapter 7:36-38.

Luk 7:36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

Luk 7:37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

Luk 7:38 And stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.

4. Mary Magdalene was present at the mock trial and at Pilates Judgment Hall and one of the faces around the cross.

She Loved Him Deeply!

THE THIRD FACE AROUND THE CROSS

(JOHN THE BELOVED)

HE SAW JESUS AS HIS FIREND:

1. He was known as the disciple whom Jesus Loved. His very name means "Whom Jehovah Loves"
2. He was part of the Inner Circle of His Ministry" Peter, James and John
3. He was next to Jesus at the Last Supper.
4. Because of his deep love and friendship with Jesus he was spared a cruel death.

Joh 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
Joh 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Pro 18:24 A man *that hath* friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

THE FOURTH FACE AROUND THE CROSS

(The Thief On The Cross)

SAW HIM AS HIS SAVIOUR

Luk 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luk 23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

Luk 23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

Luk 23:41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

Luk 23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Luk 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luk 19:9 And Jesus said unto him, **This day is salvation** come to this house for so much as he also is a son of Abraham.

Luk 19:10 **For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

1. **Jesus weeps of the city of Jerusalem.** “How Oft would I gather you together” “desire that All Men Be Saved”

Luk 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Luk 19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

Luk 19:44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

FIFTH FACE AROUND THE CROSS

(The Faces of all Humanity)

Your Face and My face are there

1. All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.
2. It was your sins and my sins the help nail him to the cross

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.