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## A. GOOD FRIDAY—THE BIG PICTURE (Matthew 24)

1. **The carrier of the cross** (vv. 32–33): An African named Simon is forced by the Romans to carry Jesus' cross.
2. **The cup for the cross** (v. 34): Jesus refuses to drink a cup of drugged wine offered him to ease the pain.
3. **The clothing below the cross** (vv. 35–36): The soldiers cast lots for the Savior's clothes.
4. **The citation of the cross** (v. 37): A sign reads, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."
5. **The criminals alongside the cross** (v. 38): Two robbers are crucified on either side of Jesus—who was on the middle cross. (27:39-44); From the crowd (v. 39); from the Jewish Leaders (v. 41); and from the two criminals (v. 44).
6. **The cloud covering the Cross.** (v. 45). A strange darkness fell upon the land from 12:00 noon until 3:00pm.
7. **The cry from the cross.** (vv. 46-49) "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Words Jesus said, so we wouldn't have to.)
8. **The cessation on the cross** (v. 50): Jesus cries out once more and gives up his spirit.

**Five Miracles at the Calvary:** Darkness Fell, Veil Torn, Earthquake Shatters, Saints Raised, and Centurion Testifies.

## B. WHEN SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

### 1. Context (Genesis 3:1-13)

- Genesis 3—an early OT chapter that describes the destruction of all things.
- This historical event changed the destiny of man.
- The rest of the Bible is God remedying what man messed up.
- God wanted man to glorify Him, obey His Word and trust His plan.
- The world (ie., The Garden) was made perfect. Sin changed all of that.
- The OT and NT are like a two-act play—we must know both.
- Satan was real but not ordinary.

**Revelation 12:9, NASB95** -<sup>9</sup> *And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

### 2. Consequences (Genesis 3:14-19)

- Eve listened to the serpent; Adam listened to Eve, & nobody listened to God.
- God's words to Satan (v. 15) are called the 'protoevangelium'—*the first gospel*, because it's the first announcement of the coming redeemer found in the Bible.
- To OT people, this is a beacon of Hope—there is a redeemer.
- To NT people, this "hope" is clarified in Galatians 4:1-4.
- To Satan, it was a declaration of war!
- To Eve, it was the assurance that she was forgiven and that God would use a woman to bring the Redeemer into the World.

**Genesis 3:8, NASB95** -<sup>8</sup> *They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

### 3. Cure (Genesis 3:15)

**Genesis 3:15, NASB95** -<sup>15</sup> *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He\* shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

**Romans 16:20, NASB95** -<sup>20</sup> *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.*

- The \*He is God. (All warfare is spiritual warfare—It's always God vs. Satan)
- Rethink "childbearing," "marriage," "life," "the world," and "eternity."

**Galatians 3:13–14, NASB95** -<sup>13</sup> *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law....through faith.*