

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: Between Two Trees | Part 3: The Tree That Bore A Curse

**BIG Idea:** Jesus willingly carried the curse that began at the first tree.

**Application:** Lay down the guilt and shame Christ already carried for you.

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**We cannot carry what sin has created, and we cannot cure what sin has caused.**

1. The law exposed the curse – but could not remove it.

**Deuteronomy 21:22-23** (NLT)

<sup>22</sup> “If someone has committed a crime worthy of death and is executed and hung on a tree, <sup>23</sup> the body must not remain hanging from the tree overnight. You must bury the body that same day, for anyone who is hung is cursed in the sight of God. In this way, you will prevent the defilement of the land the Lord your God is giving you as your special possession.

**It exposes the curse – but it cannot lift the curse.**

2. Jesus became what we could not bear.

**Galatians 3:13** (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

**1 Peter 2:24** (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

**He stepped under the weight of sin, guilt, shame, and curse – not because He deserved it, but because we did.**

3. The cross was a divine exchange – not a tragedy.

**Isaiah 53:5** (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion,  
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

**Jesus takes what belongs to us so that we can receive what belongs to Him.**

**Galatians 3:13-14 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." <sup>14</sup> Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

**Jesus willingly carried the curse that began at the first tree.**

***What will we do with what he has done?***

***Why are you still carrying what Jesus already took?***

**Lay down the guilt and shame Christ already carried for you.**