

Good Friday was one of the darkest days in history. It was brutal. It was ugly. And it was necessary. In Zechariah 3 we'll see why Jesus came and what He accomplishes for us. If Christ didn't pay the debt it would remain for all of us to pay. Christ took on everything we deserved.

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-12

Solo Song

Were You There

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

Offering

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Songs of Praise

At The Cross (Love Ran Red) The Wonderful Cross

Confession of Sin

Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might be- come like Him. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16-17

Song of Declaration

Reckless Love

Sermon - How Do You Plead?

Sermon Scripture - Zechariah 3:1-5

Introduction

"The Cross is not simply a lovely example of sacrificial love. Throwing your life away needlessly is not admirable — it is wrong. Jesus' death was only a good example if it was more than an example, if it was something absolutely necessary to rescue us. And it was. Why did Jesus have to die in order to forgive us? There was a debt to be paid — God himself paid it. There was a penalty to be born — God himself bore it. Forgiveness is always a form of costly suffering." - **Tim** *Keller*

The Accuser

- Where does this passage take place? Who is present?
- Why does Satan accuse Joshua?
 - Zechariah 3:3

• Why was the cross necessary?

• Romans 6:23

The Defender

- Who defends Joshua? Did Joshua have any defense on his own?
 - Zechariah 3:2
 - Romans 8:31
- What is the basis of the rebuke?
 - Ephesians 1:4-6
- What is at the heart of Good Friday?
 - "If God hath chosen his people, then it is of no use for Satan to attempt their overthrow. Christ does
 not meet Satan with any ifs and buts...But he meets him with the high mysterious truth which was
 settled before the world was, he throws as it were this chain into his teeth and bids him champ that till
 he breaks his teeth. God hath chosen Jerusalem; let that be rebuke enough." Charles Spurgeon

The Verdict

- What did Christ do on the cross?
 - Zechariah 3:4
 - "The essence of human sin is we human beings substituting ourselves for God while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for us. We put ourselves where only God deserves to be; God puts himself where we deserve to be." - John Stott
- Why did Christ have to die? Was there another way for us to be saved?
- Why can Jesus declare "it is finished" (John 19:30)?

Song of Response

Jesus Paid It All

Benediction