

Redemption...it means to purchase at a cost. How does God do this for us? To understand that, we must grasp what happened in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Today we see how the cross is an integral part of our story!

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

**Songs of Praise** 

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**Confession of Faith** 

New City Catechism 24

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life

see Colossians 1:21-22

# Song of Declaration

Behold the Lamb

## Sermon - The ONE Cross

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 27:32-54

"(the movie The Passion of the Christ) Puts us in a situation where we can't help but feel Jesus's pain. If only Gibson had taken the time to tell more of us why it mattered.. - Michael O'Sullivan

## **Substitution**

- What does the term redemption mean?
  - Romans 6:23
- Why do we need a savior?
  - 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
- What did Jesus actually do in order to accomplish salvation on our behalf?
  - Acts 2:23
  - Philippians 2:8

# **Propitiation**

- What is propitiation?
- Could God have simply. wiped away our sins or erased our debt?
  - Hebrews 9:22-26
- What actually takes place on the cross?
  - Matthew 27:45-46

#### Reconciliation

- Why was reconciliation necessary (Genesis 3)?
- What is meant by Jesus in John 19:30, "It is finished"?

- All things had been done which the law required; all things established which prophecy
  predicted; all things brought to pass which foreshadowed; all things accomplished which
  the Father had given Him to do; all things performed which were needed for our
  redemption. Nothing was left wanting. The costly ransom was given, the great conflict
  endured, sin's wages had been paid, divine justice had been satisfied. A.W. Pink
- Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow Jesus Paid It All (hymn)
- What does Paul say in 2 Corinthians 5:21?

# **Song of Response**

One Cross

## **Benediction**

- 1. Did you see the movie The Passion of the Christ? What was your response to it?
- 2. John Stott said, "We put ourselves where only God deserves to be; God puts himself where we deserve to be." Have you ever thought about the cross in this light?
- 3. Read Acts 2:23. What do we learn in this verse? Why is it so important?
- 4. Read Hebrews 9:22-26. What do we learn about sacrifice in this passage?
- 5. In John 19:30 Jesus states "it is finished." Do you find it hard to grasp the reality that there is nothing left for you to do in regards to your salvation?
- 6. Where have you seen God at work this week?