



The Enemies: Delighted by the Cross
The Impact of the Cross – Part 3
John 11:47-53

There are many people today who are vehemently opposed to the cross. They see Jesus as a threat to their beliefs, their freedoms, their ambitions, and their lifestyle. They sometimes go to extreme measures to eradicate the cross from public life. Let's look at the cross today from the perspective of Jesus' enemies, who were delighted by the crucifixion.

I. The reason for their animosity: _____ . (Mk. 15:10)

- A. Jesus posed a genuine threat to the _____ establishment of his day.
- B. We may be considered an enemy to some today because...
 - 1. ...they disagree with our _____.
 - 2. ...we have broken with our religious _____.
 - 3. ...they regard our church as a _____.
 - 4. ...we pose a _____ to their _____.

II. The result of their animosity: _____ . (Jn. 11:47-53)

- A. Jesus' enemies formed a _____ to crucify him.
- B. Being defeated by your enemies is even harder to accept if they _____ about it.

III. The response: _____ . (Lk. 23:24)

- A. Jesus showed remarkable _____ on the cross.

B. There are three lessons we learn about how to _____ to those who are enemies of the cross today:

1. We are to speak the _____ and not _____ it.
2. We are to _____ our enemies and not _____ against them.
3. We should consider the _____ and not _____ people.