

The Journey

Series 05: Cross

Week 47: Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection

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BIG Idea

Everything we've studied leads up to the most important event in earth's history. We will see God complete His plan to deliver man.

This lesson shows God's promises fulfilled concerning the Deliverer...and how we respond to the gospel determines where we will spend eternity – in Heaven or Hell.

Information (What We Need to Know)

What is the Gospel?

“The gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy.” – John Piper

1 Corinthians 15:1 (ESV) Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved... **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

▪ **Christ died for our sins**

Mark 15:20 (ESV) ...they led him out to crucify him. **21** And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene...to carry his cross. **22** And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull).

“Crucifixion was the Roman means of execution - slow (often days) and brutal. Golgotha was a hill outside the walls of Jerusalem.”

✓ **Fulfilled Old Testament prophecies**

- Hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16; Mark 15:24)
- Clothes were gambled for (Psalm 22:18; Mark 15:24)
- Die with the wicked (Isaiah 53:12; Mark 15:27)
- Mocked and insulted (Psalm 22:6-8; Mark 15:29-32)

✓ **Paid for sin through His death on the cross**

- The punishment for sin is death (physical, spiritual, eternal)

Genesis 2:17 (ESV) “...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Romans 5:12 (ESV) ...sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

- Sin must be fully paid for, or God would be unjust
 “The only way God could remain righteous, holy, and save us from the punishment we deserved, was to give His Son, Jesus, to become our substitute and die for our sins.” – Firm Foundations
- Jesus was our substitute (the just paying the penalty for the unjust)
1 Peter 3:18 (ESV) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...
- Jesus gave His blood (His life)
Colossians 1:20 (ESV) ... to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
- God poured out His wrath for sin on Jesus
Mark 15:33 (ESV) And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. **34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice...“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
 “...instead of pouring out His wrath on us, God pours it out on Jesus. God gave Jesus up to suffer the weight of all the sins of all His people and the judgment for those sins.” – John Piper
- Jesus declared that His work was finished, and the sin debt had been paid
John 19:30 (ESV) When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
 “Jesus had finished the eternal purpose of the cross. It stands as a finished work, the foundation of all Christian peace and faith, paying in full the debt we owed to God and making peace between God and man.” – David Guzik
- The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom (man has access to the throne of grace by the cross)
Mark 15:38 (ESV) And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

- Jesus was buried

Mark 15:43 (ESV) Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **44** Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. **45** And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. **46** And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. **47** Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

- Jesus was raised on the third day

Mark 16:5 (ESV) And entering the tomb, they [Mary Magdalene and Salome] saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. **6** And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”

- ✓ Jesus had already told the disciples He would die and resurrect

Mark 9:31 (ESV) ...he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

- ✓ The angel told the women to go and tell the disciples

Mark 16:7 (ESV) “But go, tell his disciples and Peter...”

Why is Christ's resurrection central to the gospel?

- ✓ Shows that Jesus is the Son of God and the Deliverer

“The Jewish leaders crucified Jesus because He claimed to be the Son of God and Deliverer; but God raised Jesus so everyone would know that He was who He said He was – the One promised by God.” – Firm Foundations

- ✓ Shows that God was satisfied with Jesus' payment for our sin

“God raised Jesus from the dead because He was completely satisfied with the payment that Jesus had made. God would never have raised Him if the payment He had made for our sins was incomplete.” -Firm Foundations

- ✓ Shows that Jesus accepted the responsibility for our sins

“Jesus knew that the full punishment for sin (death) had to be paid so we could be forgiven. Because of His love for us, Jesus took our place before God – the Judge – and God punished Jesus instead of us.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Application (What We Need to Do)

Christ died and rose again so we could be forgiven and receive eternal life.

As we agree with God that we are helpless sinners and put our faith in Christ who died for our sin and rose again – God will forgive us for all our sins and give us new and eternal life.

John 3:16 (ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:36 (ESV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Romans 10:9 (ESV) ...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.