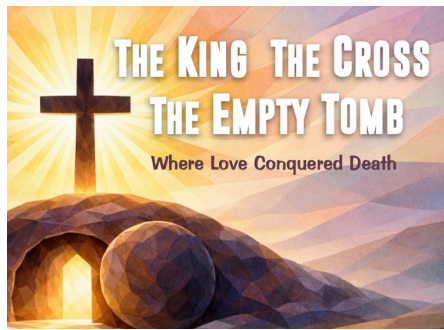


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### The Sacrificial King

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
Good Friday - April 3, 2026



Mark 15:24-39

- **The cross is not merely as an event in time—it is a revelation of divine love.**

Romans 5:8 (NLT) “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

- **Because of the cross we are forgiven (Justification).**

Romans 3:23-24 (NLT) “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”

- **Because of the cross we are cleansed (Sacrifice).**

Hebrews 10:10-12 (NLT) “For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. <sup>11</sup> Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honour at God’s right hand.”

- **Because of the cross we are freed (Victory).**

Colossians 2:15 (AMP) “When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross.”

- **Because of the cross we are purchased (Redemption).**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT) “...You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body.”

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV) “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace...”

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ...”

- **Because of the cross we are welcomed (Reconciliation).**

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NLT) “And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.”

1 John 3:1(NLT) “See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!”

**Big Idea: Jesus did not just die for you—He died to bring you into Himself.**

#### Reflection questions:

- **Where do I need to receive God’s love and grace today?**
- **Which image of the cross speaks most deeply to me?**
- **Am I living in union with Christ—or at a distance?**

**Prayer:** *Jesus, thank You for the cross. Thank You for loving me completely. Draw me into Your life. Make me one with You—and with Your people. Amen*



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#2 of 3 - April 3, 2026**

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**Observation**

2) Looking at the different images of the cross (justification, sacrifice, victory, redemption, reconciliation), which one stands out to you the most right now—and what do you notice about what it says God has done for you?

**Meaning**

3) What does it mean that Jesus didn’t just die for you, but to bring you into Himself? How is that different from simply believing in Him from a distance?

**Application**

4) Which aspect of the cross do you find hardest to personally receive right now (forgiveness, cleansing, freedom, belonging, or reconciliation)? What might it look like to trust Jesus in that area this week?

5) Read 2 Corinthians 5. What does it mean that we’ve been given the ministry of reconciliation? How can our group reflect the reality of being “brought into Christ” by the way we relate to one another and others outside the group?



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