

The Greatest Week in History
Pt. 2, The Price. The Purpose. The Cross
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The Cross is not just something we remember. It is something we are responsible for, and something we're rescued by.

1. Movement One: Betrayal and Abandonment

A. Betrayal

Matthew 2:14-16 "Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over."

The betrayal of Judas, was the result of being familiar with Jesus but not being faithful to Jesus.

B. Abandonment

Matthew 26:56 "all of this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets. Then all the disciples left Him and fled."

Jesus didn't just face the cross, he faced it alone.

2. Movement Two: Punishment

Is 53:5 NLV "But He was hurt for our wrong-doing. He was crushed for our sins. He was punished so we would have peace. He was beaten so we would be healed."

This wasn't just suffering, this was submission.

2 Cor. 5:21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

3. Movement Three: The Cross

Luke 23:33-34 NIV *“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there... Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’”*

Even in his suffering, He was extending forgiveness.

John 19:30 NIV *“when he had received the drink, Jesus said, ‘it is finished.’ With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

The cross was not just where Jesus died, it was where the debt, created by your sin was canceled and forgiven.

4. Movement Four: The Purpose

Romans 5:8 “God demonstrated his own love for us in this. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

The cross is the place where Jesus died FOR YOU, in order that you would live for Him

Jesus didn't wait for you to get it together; He went to the cross knowing you couldn't.

The cross is proof that you are LOVED, even at your worst.