

THE CROSS


THE CENTREPIECE OF
GOD'S SAVING GRACE

What is the series about?

Through a 7 week series we are going to be exploring the centrepiece of God's saving grace.

- Part 1 - *Where is the lamb?* - Genesis 22
- Part 2 - *God will Passover* - Exodus 12
- Part 3 - *Lamb to the slaughter* - Isaiah 53
- Part 4 - *My God, Why?* - Psalm 22
- Part 5 - *A cross-shaped life* - 1 John 4:7
- Part 6 - *The Lion & the Lamb* - Revelation 5
- Part 7 - *Foolish or powerful?* - 1 Corinthians 1

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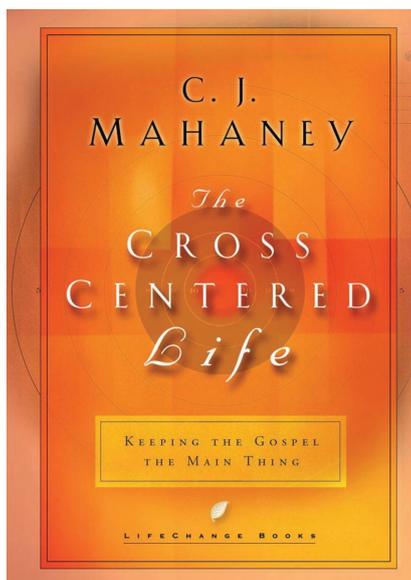
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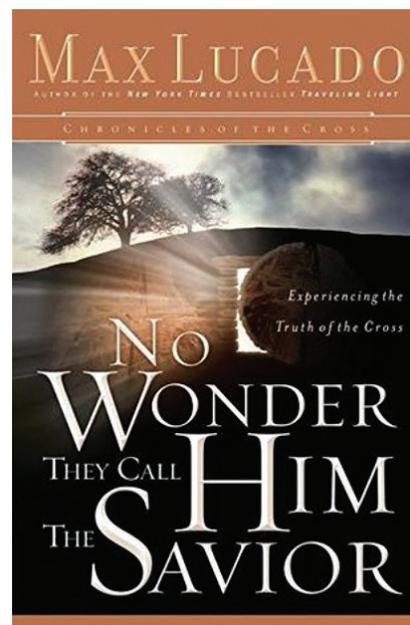
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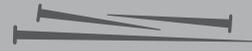
Recommended Reading

The Cross Centered Life
CJ Mahaney



No Wonder They call Him the Savior
Max Lucado





Title: Delivered from the power of sin

Speaker: Toby Skipper

Bible reference: Exodus 11 & 12

Overview

The Passover is story of love, sacrifice, rescue, redemption; it became the centre piece of Israel's life. It was a story that reminded them of who God is, what he had done & would do; defined who they were and how they lived. This story is a shadow of the story of Jesus & how we are taken **from the grip of slavery to the grip of grace, through The Cross of Christ.**

1) They're living in the grip of slavery: Exodus 1:11 - Burdens heavy, felt trapped, no escape, powerless, slaves... Jesus said (*John 8:34*) "*I tell you the truth, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.*" Sin is a power greater than ourselves; tyrannical force; that we are captive to & complicit **with** (*see Rom 7*) **2Pet 2:19** "*For you are a slave to whatever masters you*"

Slavery and sin de-humanises; de-values; de-grades; destructive, alienates, shames

2) They're delivered into the grip of grace: God calls a couple of O.A.P's to go and confront the most powerful ruler on the planet (Moses 80yrs & Arron 83yrs). Why? Because God wants his people to know it was by His power and all of his grace that they were rescued from the grip of slavery; "*I will redeem you with mighty acts of judgment*" (*Exodus 6:6*)

3) Through the cross of Christ: They're to take a lamb; no defect; enough for each person; slaughter it; put blood on posts & stay inside the house. Jesus is our lamb & we are in Him.

This is the story that shapes our personal lives, our community life and defines who we are.

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?