

The Death That Changed the World

Mark 15:33-47

Pray

Now in part one of this study, we saw how the religious leaders were jealous

- And envious of Jesus. This led them to turn him into Rome to be crucified.
 - When Pilate examined Jesus, he marveled at how he didn't say a word
 - to try to defend himself.

We left off with Jesus being on the cross between two robbers who were mocking him.

- And all of a sudden one of them had a change of heart
 - and Jesus accepted him into his kingdom.

Growing up I didn't fully understand the phrase Good Friday.

- B/c On that Friday Jesus is arrested, he didn't get any sleep, he's beaten,
 - he's tortured, they put a crown of thorns on his head,
 - they scourge him 39 times

They crucify him and they murder him. What's so good about Good Friday?

- Well, it certainly wasn't good for Jesus physically. But it was great for us spiritually
 - I didn't understand the benefits of what Jesus Christ was doing on the cross,
 - that what he was doing, he was doing it for us

The Bible says, in **Hebrews 12:2** He did it all for you, **looking unto Jesus, the ^{1a}author and ^{1b}finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,**

He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew,

- all the benefits that it would bring to us.

Shawna and I bought a life insurance policy on myself so if I die,

- Shawna would get a certain amount of money to survive & raise our kids

That's called a death benefit b/c you only get it after a death.

We will see the death benefits for us because of the death of Jesus dying on the cross.

- Jesus paid for these benefits with his life,

One of the benefits is total forgiveness of everything I've done wrong.

- Another one is deep healing.
- And another benefit is real freedom.

God doesn't want us constantly goin' around feeling down, guilty. or shameful over our sin

- b/c he has forgiven us

COLOSSIANS 2:14 **having wiped out the ^{1a}handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.** for some of us, we have a pretty long list of sins against us. a long record.

- But Jesus took our guilt on his own body and nailed it to the cross.

- Can you imagine getting a call today,
 - Somebody said "I have decided to show you grace, "
 - and I have just canceled every debt that you have."
 - You'd be celebrating it.

This is what Jesus Christ has done for you. He paid the debt that you couldn't pay.

- He paid for everything you had ever done wrong, every mistake, every sin,

EPHESIANS 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

What if you had committed a crime so bad they put you in prison for life

- with no possibility of gettin' out.

But, somebody walked up and said, "You know, "I love you and I'm gonna take your place

- and I'm gonna serve your sentence for you." That's what Jesus Christ did.

But, that's not all. Most of you have heard that one. Christ died for my sins.

- there are many other benefits. Let me just give you a couple of other ones.

Number two, the second death benefit we get at the death of Christ is deep healing.

- I don't know if you realize this or not, but we all need
 - healing in different areas of our lives.

I'm not just talkin' about physical healing because that's not your deepest wounds.

- The deepest wounds of your life are not physical.

The deepest wounds in your life, nobody can see. they're hidden.

- but God can see 'em, and he sent Jesus to not only forgive your sins
 - but to heal your deepest wounds.

1 PETER 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

When God made the world, there wasn't any suffering in the world.

- There wasn't any sadness in the world. There wasn't any sorrow in the world.

There wasn't any death in the world. It was called the Garden of Eden.

It was a perfect paradise, and why? Because there was no sin in it.

We hadn't rebelled against God.

It was a perfect environment, no sin, sorrow, suffering, sadness, sickness.

- But, when we rebelled, and said I'm gonna do what I want to do.

I think I know better. I know what'll make me happy more than God knows

- what'll make me happy. As a result, we broke the system.

Everything is broken on this planet today. Nothing on this planet works perfectly.

- The weather's broken. The economy is broken. Political systems are broken.

Our body's are broken. Relationships are broken. hearts are broken.

- our Minds are broken with mental illness and stress and strife

Its called the fall of man. That nothing's perfect in the world anymore.

And the Bible says that Jesus, God's son, came to Earth to start restoring what was broken.

- And, he doesn't want to just restore a broken relationship between you and God.
 - He wants to restore everything else.
 - He wants to restore broken relationships.
 - He wants to restore broken minds and hearts and bodies.

Now, it's not gonna be completed until he returns one day,

- but this is why healing was such a prominent part in Jesus' ministry. you can't read about Jesus without readin' about one healing after another.

in **MATTHEW 9:35** Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease ^{and} among the people. 1/3 of Jesus' ministry was health care.

- because God doesn't just care about your soul and gettin' it to heaven.
 - God cares about your mind and your body and your soul.

he cares about your spiritual health. Mental health and your physical health

Jesus wants us to be whole & we know that not everything is healed on this Earth right now.

- Some of the greatest saints who ever lived, lived an entire life of chronic pain. One day when you get to heaven, everybody's body is gonna be healed.
 - You're gonna get a brand new one.

Some of us need emotional healing.

- you've got some hurts and some memories that eat you up, and you can't let it go,
 - and you go over and over and over in your mind, that memory, that hurt.

Some of us need relational healing, and you're in a conflict right now,

- And you've got broken relationships and damaged relationships,
 - and you need healing in your marriage,

Some of us need mental healing And you got thoughts that scare you to death.

- Some of us need physical healing. Your body's broken. It's not workin' right. And, most of all, every one of us needs spiritual healing.
 - And that is healing between our relationship with us and God.

the most detrimental emotion in our life is bitterness. It's resentment.

- It's holding on to a grudge, holding on to a hurt.

Because when you hold on to hurt, you're not hurting that other person,

- you're just hurting yourself.

Some of you were hurt by somebody years ago, a long time ago,

- and you're still letting them hurt you today because you're holding on to the hurt,
 - and every time you remember it, it hurts you again.

That's not good. They can't hurt you anymore unless you let it.

- And the way you let it is by holding on to it. You gotta let it go.

They say, "Well, they don't deserve to be forgiven." Well neither do you.

- You forgive 'em 'cause you don't want to be burdened by it the rest of your life. And, as long as you hold on to your hurt, it's like drinkin' poison and hopin' they die.

- It doesn't work.

When you're worrying about somebody else, you're frustrated, you're bitter

- Who is your anger hurting? Nobody but you. You need emotional healing.

God wants to give us, true freedom. We get the power to break free from controlling forces.

- We let people who've hurt us control us.

we let our old nature, that self-centeredness that's inside everyone of us control us.

if you know the Lord, you've got two competing forces

- Your old nature, your human nature, says, "Be self-centered, be selfish, "
 - always do what's best for me, "don't worry about anybody else.

"I gotta think about me, me, me, me, me, me, me, me. "I, I, I, I,"

- **the middle letter of PRIDE is I.**
- **The middle letter of SIN is I.**

and then you've got God's spirit in you, who is sayin' "No, it's not all about you.

- And there's this constant warring going on, the battle's constant in your life.

God wants to give us His power to break free from controlling forces in your life.

- We need Gods power, not just will power.

ROMANS 6:6-9 we should no longer be slaves of sin.

when you accept the benefits of what Jesus Christ did for you, you get God's spirit,

- you get God's power, you get God's word, you get his promises,
 - you get other people in his family who help you out.

You're not on your own anymore.

You've got God on your side, he puts his spirit in you, now you've got additional power.

- And I don't have to give in to stuff that I don't really want to give into.

GALATIANS 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

God wants us to depend on him so that He can supercharge & empower you.

- To give you the power to break free, to be healed, to be forgiven
 - and have a clear conscience.

33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Now the sixth hour would have been 12 O'clock Noon

- B/c they started there day at 6am

From 12 Noon to 3pm there was complete darkness over the whole land

- The Bible isn't the only place that this 3 hours of darkness is talked about
 - Pilate wrote a letter, who talked about it
 - Origen & Tertullian, Roman Historians wrote about it

Could you imagine eating lunch then all the sudden it got completely dark

- For 3 hours!

when Jesus absorbed the wrath of God and bore the sins of all of humanity

- There was darkness over all the land

³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

as Jesus hung on the cross he made seven statements one of which was recorded here

- my God my God why have you forsaken me
- for the first time Jesus was separated from the father
- because he took upon himself the sins of the world

Sin separates man from God

Jesus had never experienced separation from His Father

- Because He was without sin

But Jesus took the sins of the whole world upon Himself

- He experienced the consequence of sin
 - Spiritual Death Separation from God

there's never been a lonelier man on the face of the earth than Jesus was

- at this tragic moment
- first his disciples betrayed him then his disciples effectively let him down
- but now the father is turning his holy face away
 - as he poured his judgment on Jesus he was dying as a substitute death

2 Corinthians 5:21, "God made him who knew no sin to become sin for us, that we might be the righteousness of God in him." "God treated Jesus like you and I deserve to be treated,

- so he could treat you and I like Jesus deserves to be treated."

At the cross when God pours his wrath out on sin on Jesus,

- he treated Jesus as if he had committed every single sin---
- which brought a separation, something Jesus had never known before.

Jesus was forsaken so that you and I would never have to be forsaken

- he endured all of the pain all of the hardship of the Cross
 - so that we would never be alone

did you know God will never leave you or forsake you that he's with you

do you know that that when Jesus came he was named Emmanuel

- which means God With Us

Jesus for the first time felt the agony of the isolation.

- And maybe things have been dark in your own life and you feel like Jesus,
 - that God has forsaken you.
 - You feel like he has left you alone to deal with your situation.

I want you to know that Jesus loves you and that he can relate to you.

- He will come to you in your moment of isolation and in your time of feeling forsaken
 - and he will comfort you.

and he promises us in his word, I will never leave you nor forsake you & He will comfort us

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

³⁵ Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!" ³⁶ Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put *it* on a reed, and offered *it* to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down."³⁷ And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

John 19:30 tells us Jesus cried out "Tetelestai"

- Greek word that means: "It is Finished"
 - "Paid in Full"

what was Paid in Full? the debt that we owed

- we owed a debt we could not pay and Jesus Paid the debt he did not owe

Jesus died with a shout of a winner!

- His mission was accomplished!
 - Jesus Paid the bill of our sin
- this is not the whimper of defeated man it's a triumphal shout of victory

Luke 23:46 says, when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He also said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'"

Jesus had power to lay down his own life

Jesus said in, John 10:18 "No man takes my life from Me, I give My life. I have power to lay it down; I have power to take it up."

Matthew 27:51-53 records when Jesus gave up His Spirit

- Earthquake
- Rocks were split

- Graves were opened
- Some believers raised from the dead like “Zombies” and were walking around

³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

REMINDE ME OF MADELYNN TORE HER CLOSET curtain VIEL ON MONDAY

- BY CLIMBING IT AND LANDED IN HER LAUNDRY BASKET

Madelynn really loves her dresses so I think she wanted full access to them

The veil of the temple was huge!

- 60 feet tall & 30 feet wide
 - Several inches thick

It took three hundred priests to hang a veil and to maneuver.

The veil of the temple represented

- How man was separated from God because of sin
 - Only the High Priest once a year could go behind the veil

When God ripped the veil in half He was declaring

- How Jesus opened up the way for us
 - To come boldly into the throne room of God
 - Come into the presence of God

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life; no man comes to the Father except through me”
John 14:6

the Bible encourages Us in **Hebrews 4:16** to come boldly to the throne of Grace that we might obtain mercy and find grace receive help in our time of need do you need help today?

- Are you in need? the veil has been ripped & torn so you can come through
 - because the work has been done

I hope that you're encouraged by that today

Now God rips the veil and says, "Come in." Not, "keep out"; "come in." Not, "stay away";

- "Come close, I'm offering fellowship

Paul tells us in **Ephesians 2:14** For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

- so now you and I have direct access to God

people say, Pastor Ryan, can you pray for me? I love praying for people.

- but I also like to remind people, Your prayer can reach God just as fast as mine
 - because the veil of the temple has been torn from top to bottom.

³⁹ So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

This soldier had seen many people Die!

- He had never seen someone go out this way!
 - Complete Darkness at lunch time
 - Earthquake
 - Rocks splitting
 - Zombies

Most of all He saw how Jesus had power to lay down His life

- He heard Jesus say **“Alright Spirit! Its time to leave this body!”**

He realized at this point Jesus was the Son of God!

That's quite a statement for a Roman centurion to make, "Truly this man is the Son of God!"

In Luke's account of this in **Luke 23:47**, it says that this centurion didn't just say this,

- it said, **"He glorified God,"** which may indicate that he becomes a believer.
 - And wouldn't it be amazing to think that the first postcrucifixion convert
 - was a Roman soldier who was there, who witnessed all that happened,

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹ who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

These are some of the woman who took care of Jesus and the disciples

- Fed them
- Sewed there clothes
- Took care of them
- Served them

I am so thankful for the woman in my life!

- I wouldn't be where I am today
 - If it wasn't for the woman in my life

These faithful women stay by Jesus side when He died!

- They will be the first to see Him raised from the dead!

Mary, before she came to Christ, was a prostitute.

- And she was so thankful to Jesus for forgiveness.

And here we see her follow Jesus after her conversion and is there at the cross.

- its interesting that the courageous ones were really the women and
 - All the disciples are gone.

John is mentioned; at least in the first part of the cross.

- We don't know if he remained for the whole part of it.

But the women were there---last at the cross, first at the tomb.

- women can be very courageous.

the response of the women is they followed Jesus from the Galilee to Jerusalem

- and to the Cross but they also followed him all the way to the Grave
- they followed him during his ministry on Earth all the way to the grave
- and this is the goal we should all have is to follow Jesus all the way to the Grave

Jesus said in **John 10:27** my sheep hear my voice and follow me

Mark 8:34 Jesus said if any man desires to come after me let him deny himself take up his cross and follow me it's all about following Jesus

- and we need to look at our own lives how are we following him

it reminds me of that old hymn I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back

- no turning back though none go with me still I will follow no turning back
- no turning back

⁴² Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Remember Jesus died at 3pm

- Sabbath would start at 6pm Sundown
 - They couldn't work on the Sabbath "Day of Rest"
 - Friday 6pm- Saturday 6pm

When I was in Israel everything would close Friday afternoon

- So they could get ready for the Sabbath "Day of Rest"
 - The whole city became a ghost town

which means once the Sabbath hits you can't do anything

- so Jesus died and they got to do something with the body
- and normally they would just get rid of the body throw them in some Mass grave
- as nobody really cared about their death or their burial

Once Jesus died, Joseph went to Pilate

- Asked for the body of Jesus

Joseph according to verse 43, was also a council member, he was a part of the

- Jewish Supreme Court. He was risking it all by asking for the body of Jesus.
 - No one wanted to identify with Jesus at this time
 - because you too could be brought up on charges and be crucified.

But here he risk it all to ask for the body of Jesus.

- Are we willing to risk our careers to identify with Jesus
 - or has fear caused us to play it safe? We don't want to ruffle any feathers.

I love how verse 43 says that **Joseph took courage**, went in and asked for the body of Jesus.

- I wonder how many of us need to take courage and let people know around us
 - that we are identifying ourselves with Jesus Christ like Joseph did.
- may we take courage in this day and time we're living in. God will give it to you.

The Bible says in **Acts 1:8** **you shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses unto me**

- God wants to give you the boldness to be able to make a stand for Jesus

⁴⁴ Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

you would think it's over but we know there is more to the story

- that wasn't the end= we're going to turn the page and we're going to find out
 - that death couldn't keep Jesus down he was going to rise from the dead
- and next time we're together we're going to see one of the greatest days in human history
- the day that Jesus rose from the dead

Pilate marveled that Jesus was already dead. Why? B/c the Romans had perfected crucifixion

- to the point where victims could linger on the cross for days.
- I believe that we will have pilots in our lives that will marvel that the old you is dead.
- When people hear that you're following Jesus Christ & ur no longer living like u did

Galatians 2:20, **I have been crucified with Christ**. This means that the old you is dead when you follow Jesus Christ, he changes us from the inside out.

- He works in us and people are going to marvel as they see the old you is dead

⁴⁶ Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joseph observed where He was laid.

Joseph takes Jesus down from the cross

- Wrapped Jesus in Linen
 - Laid Jesus in a tomb

he was a generous man the Bible says he bought fine linen for Jesus

Matthew 27:60 says it was his tomb that had never been used that he gave to Jesus

- his response to the crucifixion was one of generosity
- whatever we give the Lord in our time our talents and our Treasures

- it could never compare to what he gave us because he's given us eternal life
 - he's freed us from sin death and Hell itself
 - and as a result of that we owe him everything

like that old hymn Jesus Paid It all all to him I owe sin had left a Crimson Stain

- he washed it white as snow

what is our response to the crucifixion

- how do we respond to what Jesus did for us
 - are we bringing glory to God in everything we do

are we verbally telling people about our faith in Jesus

- are we giving him of our time our talents our Treasures

Some of the woman watched were Joseph laid Jesus

- B/c they didn't have time to prepare Jesus body b/c of the Sabbath
 - With spices So they were planning to come back after Sabbath

They Put Jesus in this tomb before sundown

- They had to leave Him there
 - B/c it was time for Sabbath

This is not the end of the story!

- After the Sabbath
 - The woman come back to the Tomb of Jesus
 - To find a surprise!

Share the Gospel

Jesus knew there was no other way for man to be saved

- But for Him to go to the cross

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”

John 15:13

The Bible tells us that God,

“Desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”

And He is...

“Not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance”

Jesus endured---extreme thirst, separation from God the Father, intense suffering.

- It sounds like hell. Hell is eternal thirst, eternal separation, eternal suffering.

Jesus went through hell so you could live with him in heaven.

Pray