

X Marks The Spot

"So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. And they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. Pilate that went out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." **John 19:1-6**

"They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priest answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then, he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then, they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and to others with Him, one on either side and Jesus in the center." **John 19:15-19**

"suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead."

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Matthew 20:28**

"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified..." **1 Corinthians 2:2**

Four things you need to know about the cross:

1) It's _____ to a fixed point in _____.

Under Pontius Pilate - He was the fifth prefect of Judea from 26 A.D. to 36 A.D., under Tiberius, the emperor of Rome.

"The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner." **Acts 26:26**

2) It was the most _____ and _____ death imaginable.

3) Jesus's cross was _____, _____, and _____.

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

"No one takes my life from me. I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." **John 15:10**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – ..."

Hebrews 2:14

This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

Ephesians 4:8-10

"We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:8

Three things that that Christ provided to us through the cross.

- forgiveness.
- Righteousness
- Wholeness.

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

Colossians 1:19,20

"God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing."

2 Corinthians 5:19

4) **The Cross was _____ ahead of time _____.**

Isaiah 53 has called the greatest Old Testament description of Our Lord's death.