



Week 6: Crucified for Me

Series Big Idea: Every act of Love costs something.

Sermon Big Idea: Jesus was crucified for YOU.

1. When you looked at the shoe in the beginning of Pastor Dan's sermon - what color shoe did you see?
2. **Bible Study:** Take some time to read Matt. 27:27-54 together.

What stood out to you the most from Pastor Dan's sermon when he was talking about the people around the cross not **seeing** Jesus?

- a. Pastor Dan mentioned that the people around the cross only recognized Jesus from what they saw on the outside. Take time to identify some of the things that they shouted to Jesus as He hung there dying for them. (hint: "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days." "...if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!"). **How do you yell/argue with God when you can't see what He is doing?**
 - b. **Read Psalm 22.** How do you see the words mentioned in this Psalm played out in Jesus' crucifixion
3. The Roman centurion keeping watch over Jesus rightly **SAW** that Jesus was the Son of God. Through Jesus, God was reaching out to all people, offering us forgiveness, salvation, and hope. The Roman centurion who trusted Jesus teaches us that any of us can be saved. **In what ways does the truth that all can be saved change the way you view, pray for, and treat the people around you? The way you share the gospel with those who don't know Jesus?**
 4. **Jesus was Crucified for YOU.** In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Messiah, a savior, to his people. We know that person is Jesus, but those who lived before Jesus were eagerly looking for the Messiah. However their idea of Jesus as Messiah was a powerful King who would restore them to the promised

land. They couldn't see Jesus as a fulfillment of the suffering servant. **Read Isaiah 53.**

This prophetic chapter of Isaiah describes the mission of the Messiah hundreds of years before Jesus was born. What was the Messiah's mission, according to verses 11–12? What would he do for his people?

In what ways is the Messiah unusual? Is he what you would expect from a strong savior? Why or why not?

Everything done to the Messiah is negative: he is mocked, people hid their faces from him, he was despised, etc. God prophesied that his people would do nothing good for the Messiah. His suffering was completely undeserved. Even so, he offered his people forgiveness that they, in turn, did not deserve or earn. His sacrifice "made us well" and "healed" us. **What does this unfair exchange tell you about God's love for his people?**

This chapter makes it clear that salvation does not come from our own effort, but from the work of God's servant, Jesus. Many of us try to "be good enough for God but fixing things on the OUTSIDE." We think we can balance the scales of our sin or maybe even work off the debt our sin has incurred. **In what ways have you tried to work off your sin?**

5. Pastor Dan shared that after looking at those around the cross and their comments toward Jesus, we learn that; **It's possible to see the cross of Christ, but be blind to its power to change your life.** What ways are you still living outside in? Is there one area of your life where the Holy Spirit challenging you to live inside out (Gal. 2:20) changed by the power of Jesus?

Prayer:

- Invite your group to reflect in prayer for a few minutes over what you discussed.
- Have someone close your time by praying for your group.