

Calvary

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Communion / Cross; Crucifixion; Jesus' Death / Matthew 27:31–53

"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit."--Desire of Ages, p. 83

Matthew 27:32–33 ESV

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),

Outside

- Taken
- Outside of Jerusalem:

Hebrews 13:12 ESV

So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

- Place of wicked people

Galatians 3:13 ESV

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us— for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

The Weight of the Cross

- Jesus couldn't carry
 - His cross

Desire of Ages (Chapter 78—Calvary)

Since the Passover supper with His disciples, He had taken neither food nor drink. He had agonized in the garden of Gethsemane in conflict with satanic agencies. He had endured the anguish of the betrayal, and had seen His disciples forsake Him and flee. He had been taken to Annas, then to Caiaphas, and then to Pilate. From Pilate He had been sent to Herod, then sent again to Pilate.

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From insult to renewed insult, from mockery to mockery, twice tortured by the scourge,—all that night there had been scene after scene of a character to try the soul of man to the uttermost. Christ had not failed. He had spoken no word but that tended to glorify God. All through the disgraceful farce of a trial He had borne Himself with firmness and dignity. But when after the second scourging the cross was laid upon Him, human nature could bear no more. He fell fainting beneath the burden. - *Desire of Ages* p. 742

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Crying Women

[Luke 23:27–31](#) (ESV)

And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say,

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‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

- Women Crying
- some recognized Him
- some had been blessed
- some had been healed
- most were not disciples

- pity for his abuse
- Jesus said
 - don't cry for me
 - cry for yourself.
- Why
 - depicted
 - fall of Jerusalem.
 - end of the world.
- What was happening
 - God's wrath on Jesus
- Later,
 - God's wrath on sinners.

The Crowd

Desire of Ages (Chapter 78—Calvary)

Of the multitude that followed the Saviour to Calvary, many had attended Him with joyful hosannas and the waving of palm branches as He rode triumphantly into Jerusalem.

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But not a few who had then shouted His praise, because it was popular to do so, now swelled the cry of “Crucify Him, crucify Him.” - *Desire of Ages p. Page 744*

- Ponder
 - easy today
 - popular today
 - normal today
 - Hosanna.
- We You/I stand
 - against the crowd
 - later when
 - not easy?
 - not natural?

Nailed

John 19:18 *ESV*

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

- I imagine
 - thieves wrestling
 - Jesus calm willing

Mary

- Mind turns
 - Jesus mother
 - (we know she was there).
- Watched her son
 - ridiculed
 - abused
 - tortured

Desire of Ages Chapter 78—Calvary

She saw His hands stretched upon the cross; the hammer and the nails were

brought, and as the spikes were driven through the tender flesh, the heart-stricken disciples bore away from the cruel scene the fainting form of the mother of Jesus.

- Prophecy,
 - dedication of Jesus
 - only 8 days old.

[Luke 2:35](#) (HCSB)

a sword will pierce your own soul...

No Complaint

[Isaiah 53:7](#) (ESV)

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

- There was no...
 - “please stop”
 - “it’s not fair”

- screams of agony
- Silent victim
- just drops of blood
 - sweating blood

What was He Thinking?

- He is being
 - abused
 - tortured
 - ridicule
 - pierced
- What on earth
 - going through
 - Jesus mind?

- Scripture says:

[Luke 23:34](#) (ESV)

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

- What’s He thinking?
- The Savior is Pondering?
 - Forgiveness for
 - His abusers.
 - His condemners
 - Only God....
- The mind of Jesus
 - powerful...

[Philippians 2:5–8](#) (NKJV)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant,

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and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a

man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

- Christ only had pity
 - for them
 - ignorance
 - guilt
- Amazing Truth

[Luke 23:34](#) (ESV)

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

- Not just for
 - Centurion
 - Romans
 - Jewish Leaders
- Who killed Jesus?

- I did.
- You did.
- He died for my sins.
- That day...
- Those words...
 - Were for me
 - and you

[Luke 23:34](#) (ESV)

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The Sign

- Typically written
 - sin of criminal
 - right and left
 - Thieves.

John 19:19 ESV

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

- Profound Truth

- During trial
 - Jew said
 - “We have not king but Caesar.”

- Meaning:
 - Any who claim
 - false and killed

- What was his charge?
 - King of Jews

- Killed for being
 - King of Jews

- Jews rejected Him

- chosen king of
- this world instead

The Taunts and Ridicule

- Heaped Ridicule Upon Him

Luke 23:35 ESV

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”

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Luke 23:36–37 ESV

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

- Notice one key word..
 - “If”
- Same word when
 - tempted in desert:

- “If you are the Son of God.”
- More than ridicule
 - Temptation!!!
- Satan knows
 - last chance
 - get Him to fail.
- Use His power
 - come off cross
 - prove them wrong

One Hope

- Among all the
 - pain
 - agony

- abuse
- ridicule
- One single
 - joy
 - hope
- Seemingly Hopeless
 - Jews Mock Him
 - Romans Abuse Him
 - Disciples Lose Faith
 - Mother Crying
 - Thieves Join Ridicule
- One hope
 - one changes mind...

Luke 23:39–41 ESV

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

- On his deathbed,
 - one thief
 - was coming to
 - conversion!!!

Desire of Ages Chapter 78—Calvary

In Jesus, bruised, mocked, and hanging upon the cross, he sees the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Hope is mingled with anguish in his voice as the helpless, dying soul casts himself upon a dying Saviour.

[Luke 23:42](#) (ESV)

... “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

One Thing Remains

- Jesus had
 - clothes taken
 - body abuse
 - emotional abuse

- mental agony of betrayal
- One Thing Remains
 - Power to Forgive
 - Repentant Sinner
 - Cannot be taken!

The Darkness

Luke 23:44 **ESV**

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,

- Nature itself
 - hiding from
 - horror of sin
 - Sun hides its face
- Father's face
 - hidden.

Desire of Ages (Chapter 78—Calvary)

The guilt of every descendant of Adam was pressing upon His heart. The wrath of God against sin, the terrible manifestation of His displeasure because of iniquity, filled the soul of His Son with consternation. All His life Christ had been publishing to a fallen world the good news of the Father's mercy and pardoning love.

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Salvation for the chief of sinners was His theme. But now with the terrible weight of guilt He bears, He cannot see the Father's reconciling face. The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man. So great was this agony that His physical pain was hardly felt. - *Desire of Ages* p. Page 753

Matthew 27:46 ESV

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

- Dying the Second Death

Death

Luke 23:46 ESV

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

[John 19:30](#) (ESV)

he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Desire of Ages (Chapter 78—Calvary)

The spotless Son of God hung upon the cross, His flesh lacerated with stripes; those hands so often reached out in blessing, nailed to the wooden bars; those feet so tireless on ministries of love, spiked to the tree; that royal head pierced by the crown of thorns; those quivering lips shaped to the cry of woe. And all that He endured—the blood drops that flowed from His head,

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His hands, His feet, the agony that racked His frame, and the unutterable anguish that filled His soul at the hiding of His Father’s face—speaks to each child of humanity, declaring, It is for thee that the Son of God consents to bear this burden of guilt; for thee He spoils the domain of death, and opens the gates of Paradise.

He Did It For You

- Communion is to

- commemorate this.
- celebrate this.