

Following Jesus
Mission Accomplished
John 19:28-30

I. The wrath and love of God displayed on the Cross

A. Roman Crucifixion

1. Shock and Awe
2. Don't mess with Rome
3. Roman Crucifixion
 - a) Crucifixion was the most horrible tool in the Roman arsenal
 - b) Roman leaders would beat criminals, but usually would allow their wounds to heal
 - c) Crucifixion killed in a number of ways
 - (1) Asphyxiation
 - (2) Loss of Blood
 - (3) Exposure
 - (4) Thirst
4. Jesus' Crucifixion
 - a) Jesus was not given a time to rest, shortening (but not making easier) his death – Matthew 27:26
 - b) Jesus was forced to carry his crossbar, but was too weak to complete this task – Mark 15:21
 - c) Crucifixion was public, so the crime was attached to the cross
 - (1) **“Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”**
 - (2) John 19:19b

B. Jesus' Followers

1. The Disciples
 - a) The Gospels describe several disciples near the cross, the source of our eye-witness testimony – Luke 23:27; John 19:25-26a
 - b) Many women were present, but the only one of the twelve we can be confident in is John the Apostle
2. The Women
 - a) Four women are identified
 - (1) Jesus' Mother
 - (2) Mary's Sister (possible Salome, John and James Mom)
 - (3) Mary the wife of Cleopas
 - (4) Mary Magdalene

C. Jesus' Love (even in trial)

1. Care for Sinners

- a) While not the main thrust of our passage, note Jesus love during this worst of trials
- b) Jesus is willing to forgive even those who afflicted him with the worst of punishments and mocked him - Luke 23:34a

2. Care for his Mother

- a) Jesus is even thinking of his mother – John 19:26-27
- b) Jesus' care here is mirrored in I Timothy 5 – 1 Timothy 5:4
- c) Jesus has prioritized others even in his need

II. The Mission of Jesus was completed on the cross

A. The Savior's Identity

1. God

- a) Jesus had to be 100% God
 - (1) Only God could be perfect – Hebrews 4:14b-15
 - (2) Only God could pay for all sin – Romans 8:3-4

2. Man

- a) Jesus had to be 100% Man
 - (1) Only man could pay for sin – Romans 5:15
 - (2) Only man could stand in our place – Romans 5:17

B. The Savior's Suffering

1. Jesus suffered

- a) Jesus endured human pain for us – Isaiah 53:4-5
- b) Jesus endured being cut off from God for us – Matthew 27:46 b

2. Jesus died

- a) The Penalty for Sin is Death – Romans 6:23
- b) Someone has to die for our sin – Romans 6:7

C. The Savior's Completed Mission

1. Substitutionary Death

- a) Jesus lived to die
- b) Jesus died so we can live
 - (a) Romans 6:8
 - (2) 1 Peter 2:24
- c) Jesus exchanged his place for ours – II Corinthians 5:21

2. Salvation For All

- a) What Jesus did was effective for all – Hebrews 9:26
- b) Jesus paid for every sin – I John 2:2

3. Salvation Was Completed

- a) There is nothing you need to/can do
- b) You can believe that its completed – Romans 10:9
- c) All you need to do is put your faith in Jesus

III. The lives of Christians flow from the cross

- A. Jesus Provided Salvation – Colossians 2:14
- B. Salvation Provides Power – Matthew 28:19-20
- C. Salvation Restores Your Relationship – 1 John 2:1; Ephesians 3:16; Rev. 22:7