



Introduction:

1. Describing the Crucifixion: slapped, beaten, stripped, spit upon, beard plucked out, scourging (cat-of-nine-tails), carrying a 200 pound cross-beam up to Golgotha, naked, nails in hands & feet, and mocked and laughed at.
2. Why would God take on flesh and die such a humiliating, tortured death? Why the cross? What was the purpose of it all? Could you explain to someone what His death on a cross accomplished?

Listen today as if your life depends on it! Because it does!

I. Jesus died for our sins. (I Corinthians 15:3-4)

- A. Romans 5:12 – Adam and Eve passed contamination on through the procreation of the race!
 - * Psalm 51:5
 - * Romans 7:18
 - * Sin = _____
- B. Romans 3:23 – The standard against which sin is measured is “the glory of God”.
 - * We need to stop measuring ourselves to other people to determine our standing with God.
 - * God must respond to sin because His controlling attribute is holiness.
 - * A monumental conflict!
- C. I John 2:2 – “Atoning Sacrifice”
 - * “Propitiation”
 - * Hebrews 9:22
 - * His death was a blood atonement, as He offered Himself as a sacrificial substitution for the death our sins deserved. * Romans 5:6-9
 - * Christ’s death was more than sufficient to pay for our sins.

II. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, justified, redeemed and reconciled.

- A. When we receive Jesus, _____ (washed & cleansed forever!) That’s not all!
- B. We are justified! (Romans 5:1) * A pardon from a death penalty!
- C. We are redeemed! (Colossians 1:13-14) Definition: _____
 - * I Corinthians 6:20
 - * Now we are His possession. We belong to Jesus!
- D. We are reconciled! (The best news for last!) Definition: _____
 - * 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
 - * Now our longing soul can be satisfied.
 - * Now we can fulfill what we were created for.