



First Baptist Church of Cypress
**THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST & THE
CROSS (part 1)**

Mark 15:16-32

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Good morning church! Turn in your Bibles to Mark 15 as we study the agonizing account of Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus was in the hands of Romans to be crucified the same day he was accused and tried. It was Friday morning and the entire regiment of about 600 men had been called.

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“And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. **17** And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. **18** And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” **19** And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. **20** And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. **21** And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. **22** And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). **23** And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. **24** And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. **25** And it was the third hour when they crucified him. **26** And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” **27** And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. **29** And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, **30** save yourself, and come down from the cross!” **31** So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. **32** Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.”

1. Jesus SUFFERED as SAVIOR for All Believers. (v 17-20)

- The Soldiers MOCKED Jesus as the King of the Jews.

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” **1 Corinthians 1:18**

- The Soldiers' WORSHIP of Jesus was FAKE.

“Therefore the Lord said: “These people draw near to Me with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. Their worship of Me is but rules taught by men. ¹⁴Therefore I will again confound these people with wonder upon wonder. The wisdom of the wise will vanish, and the intelligence of the intelligent will be hidden.” **Isaiah 29:13-14**

“The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”
Isaiah 43:21

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”
John 4:24

“All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” Selah **Psalms 66:4**

2. Jesus DEMANDS True DISCIPLESHIP for All Believers. (v 21)

“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

Luke 9:23-24

“Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.” **Romans 16:13**

- A Disciple is one who FOLLOWS Jesus and LIVES in obedience to his commands.
- Discipleship is the process of MULTIPLICATION through RELATIONSHIPS.

3. Jesus Christ OFFERED HIMSELF for All Believers. (v 22-37)

“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death; even death on a cross.” Philippians 2:8

- Jesus is the ONLY way of redemption from the BEGINNING.

“For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— 17 I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; 18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” Psalm 22:16-18

- Jesus was IDENTIFIED correctly.

“Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:12

- Jesus was TEMPTED at the cross.

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

This is the heart of the gospel, that sinners can be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Jesus did not become a sinner, but remained as holy as ever. He was treated as if he were guilty of all the sins ever committed by all who would ever believe, though He committed none. He bore believers sins so that we can bear His righteousness. Demonstrating amazing strength in light of the intense suffering, Jesus gave his life voluntarily and died.