

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (2)**  
**The Crucifixion of Christ**  
**Luke 23:26-49**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Is it possible that we have grown calloused to the cross and to the pain of our Savior?
- B. It is my hope that through the time this morning we will draw our minds closer to the crucifixion and the sacrifice of Christ.
- C. Mixed among the narrative will be explanation from historical records concerning the crucifixion.

**I. THE CRUCIFIXION.**

- A. Pilate's Sentence, Luke 23:24.
  - 1. Carried out by soldiers.
  - 2. Prisoner stripped and tied to post.
  - 3. Soldier to whip until near death.
    - a. The Jews allowed only 39 (40) lashes.
    - b. Use of whip with metal balls, sharp bone fragments.
  - 4. Robe thrown over Christ (the king).
    - a. Crown of thorns and stick as scepter.
    - b. Continual mocking by soldiers.
  - 5. Robe again torn off back, bleeding again.
- B. The Walk to Golgotha, vss. 26-32.
  - 1. The walk to Golgotha began sometime around 9 am.
  - 2. Made to carry own cross – about 110 lbs. (crossbeam)
    - a. Approx. 650 yards to the cross, Golgotha.
      - i. The Place of the Skull.
      - ii. The place of death.
    - b. Burden too much to bear: sleepless night, agony in the garden, the physical abuse throughout the trial – Hebrews 4:15.
  - 2. Simon of Cyrene force to carry cross.
  - 3. Jesus, "*Weep not for me...*", vss. 28-31.
    - a. Prophecy of destruction of Jerusalem, 70 AD.
    - b. If they did to Jesus who was innocent (green).
    - c. What will happen to the Jews who would be guilty of rebellion (dry).
  - 4. Two other men to be crucified with Jesus.
    - a. The two robbers – the word implies robbery with force.
    - b. Perhaps the third "robber" would have been Barabbas.
- C. The Crucifixion – Between 9 and 12.
  - 1. They arrive at Golgotha.
  - 2. The clothes were stripped.
  - 3. They were given a drink of sour wine.
    - a. This included a mild narcotic.
    - b. After tasting, Jesus refused it.
  - 4. Nails through hands (bones of wrist), and feet.
    - a. Legs bent to allow for breathing.

- b. Alternate pressure between hands / feet.
  - c. Breathing only by lifting up.
- 5. Four soldiers assigned to oversee crucifixion.
  - a. They divided His garments (and thieves).
  - b. The undergarment [expensive], the one thing of value, was in one piece.
  - c. They cast lots for this robe.
- 6. Jesus, *"Father forgive them, for they know not..."* vs. 34.
- 7. Mocking by the crowd, soldiers, thieves, vss. 35-38.
- D. Death of Jesus – Between 12 and 3 P.M darkness.
  - 1. Loss of tissue fluids, cramps, extreme pain, pressure on heart.
  - 2. Jesus speaks from the cross.
    - a. *"My God, My God, why hast thou..."*, Mt. 27:46 (cf. Ps. 22:1).
    - b. *"It is finished"*, John 19:30.
    - b. *"Father into your hands I commit My spirit"*, Lk. 23:46.
  - 3. As Jesus died (Mt. 27:51-53):
    - a. An earthquake and rocks were split.
    - b. Tombs were opened.
    - c. The veil torn in two from top to bottom.
  - 4. Centurion, *"Truly this was the Son of God"*, Mt. 27:54.
  - 5. Soldiers to break legs of crucified (concern for Sabbath), Jn. 19:31ff.
    - a. Prevent from getting breath.
    - b. Spear to make sure – watery fluid and blood.
  - 6. Death by heart failure, not suffocation.
  - 7. *There Was One Who Was Willing*, #361.

## II. REMINDER OF REASON FOR DEATH.

- A. God's Love.
  - 1. John 3:16 – For God so loved the world...
  - 2. Romans 5:8 – While yet sinners...
  - 3. 1 John 4:9-10 – He sent His only Son...
- B. Meaning for Us.
  - 1. Romans 5:12 – sin in the world by Adam.
  - 2. Because of Jesus, freedom from sin.
    - a. Internal struggle with sin, Romans 7.
    - b. Romans 7:24-25 – Wretched man I am...
    - c. Rom. 8:1-3 – no condemnation in Christ.

## CLOSING

- A. If to stop there, how sad.
- B. Have a sequel – He lives!
- C. He's coming back to claim His own!