

*The Cross is The Cross
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IT IS FINISHED=PAID IN FULL (John 19:30)

Rom 1:3-- Gospel concns Son who was human and divine. To die; to make suff. paymt for sin.

I. The Suffering of the Cross. Persians, Alex Gt, Phoenicians, Rom for slaves, robbers, assassins, rebels. Gal 3:13.

1. Gethsemane, Lk 22:41-44. Crying, tears (Heb 5:7) and mental anguish at that of bearing sin.

Sweat like drops of blood happens in highly emotional states, hemorrhaging into sweat glands. Skin becomes fragile, tender and produced chills in night air.

2. Trials. Bet Thurs 9 pm and Fri at 9 a.m. Supper in Upper Room (SW corner).

Thru Kidron to Gethsemane (E).

To Annas and Caiphas (SW near Upper Room). Mocked, beat.

To temple for trial before rel. Sanhedrin (Eastern area of city).

To Pilate NW corner of temple in Fortress of Antonia.

To Herod Antipas (Western part of city).

Back to Pilate (NW temple Area). 2.5 miles. Flogged or scourged. Legal preliminary to execution. Short whip with single or braided leather thongs of diff lengths in which small iron balls or sharp pieces of bones tied. Stripped, hands tied to upright post. Flogged back, buttocks, legs to state just short of collapse or death. Deep cuts in tissues down to muscles producing state of pre-shock. Mocked, robe, King, crown of thorns, struck on head with wooden staff. Robe off and own garments on opening wounds. Pain, blood loss, lack of food, water, sleep left His condition serious or critical. Couldn't carry cross and died quicker than most bec severity of scourging.

3. Crucifixion. T or t cross. Upright left in place. Victim carried crossbar (75-125 lbs) on shoulders. Christ couldn't tho only 1/3rd mi. Horizontal wooden block like seat attached midway down upright. Victim on ground, hands nailed to crossbar by tapered iron spikes 5-7 in long with square shaft 3/8th in. across thru wrists which were considered part of hands. Lifted onto upright. Feet nailed to front of upright, knees flexed. Title put on cross. Clothes divided. Survived 3-4 hours or 3-4 days. Breaking legs below knees hastened death.

Insects in open wounds, eyes, ears, nose. Birds tore at flesh. Body pierced with spear 5-6 ft long thru right side of chest to heart. Scourging wounds scrape ag. upright with each breath. Spikes thru

wrists would crush or sever large median nerve producing excruciating bolts of fiery pain in both arms. Muscle cramps.

Only could exhale by lifting the body by pushing up on feet and flexing elbows Severe pain on feet. Speech short bec occurs during exhalation. Up to exhale, down to inhale.

Death caused by shock, asphyxiation, hypovolemic shock (low blood volume-may have lost 40% of blood volume), dehydration, congestive heart failure. Excruciating ("out of the cross").

II. The Separation^{on} of the Cross, Matt. 27:46. 4th of 7 sayings.

Address: My God, not Father for trinity not disrupted or broken. See Lk 23:46: "Father into your hands I commend my spirit. 7th of 7 sayings from cross.

Reason for separation. Experiencing spiritual death for us which was far more horrible than physical death of crucifixion. Can't understand yet in this hour was bearing sin and there was some kind of separation, 2 Cor. 5:21. Isa. 53:10-made self a trespass offering for sin. Accursed by God, Gal 3:13.

III. The Sufficiency of the Cross, John 19:30. It stands finished. 6th of 7 sayings.

What was finished? His work of redemption, reconciliation, and propitiation. Papyrus receipts for taxes found with this word written across them=paid in full. Pf tense=completed and results continue. Nothing can be added. Foolish of us to try to add or do for God. He did it all.

IV. The Satisfaction^{from} of the Cross, Isa. 53:10-11. He shall see the anguish of His soul and be satisfied. Heb. 12:2 anti the joy He endured the cross. What is His satisfaction. Having offspring (involves prolonging days=res); justifying many (requires righteous (God) servant (man, Phil 2).

Gen 53 He shall see His offspring, He will prolong His days

As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see & be satisfied

The righteous one, my servant, will justify many.

Concl We can have no part in I, II, III. But we must if IV realized