OUR CRUCIFIED LORD

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**TEXT: John 19:1-18**

**INTRODUCTION**

December 7th is a little less than a couple weeks away

And it was on December 7, 1941, that the Japanese bombed the US Naval base at Pearl Harbor

President Roosevelt delivered a radio address the next day that described the event as a *“day that will live in infamy”*

Webster's Dictionary describes **infamy** as *the state of being well known for some bad quality or deed*

Now, there is no one who will deny that what the Japanese did that day was an act of extreme wickedness

In fact, it led to the deaths of 100,000’s of soldiers all over the South Pacific

Pearl Harbor can be described as one of the most *“infamous”* days in our History

That may be so, however, I would like to take you back in time,

To a day 2,000 years ago that will forever stand as the most *infamous* day in the history of Humanity

On that day, the creature took steps to kill its Creator

On that day, mankind raised its rebellious fist against God

On that day, the darling Son of God became the Lamb slain from the foundations of the world

The day Jesus Christ was Crucified is the most *infamous* day in the history of mankind

This morning, I want to look at the portrait of …

**Jesus: Our Crucified Lord**

Today, I want us to remember what He endured to provide salvation for sinners

Today, I want to look at the King of kings and the Lord of lords as He died for you and for me

Today, I would like for us to take a fresh look at Calvary and the events that took place there that day

As we consider **Jesus: Our Crucified Lord …**

I want us to see, just how much Jesus loves us

I want us to see, what He was willing to endure for our sakes

I want us to see how His death on the cross can become the means of our salvation if we do not know Him

… And what it should mean to us if we are saved

Let's take a look at the various aspects of this chapter as we consider …

**Jesus: Our Crucified Lord**

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**I. OUR “CONDEMNED” LORD – vs 1-17**

There were several groups that were involved in the rejection and the condemnation of Jesus on *that infamous and awful day*

Let's take a moment to consider those directly involved in His death

**A. The ‘Ruthless’ Men (Soldiers) – vs. 2, 3 …**

These verses tell us that these hardened men took the Lord, whipped Him and then mocked Him by placing a crown of thorns upon His head and treating Him cruelly

These were some of the same men who would later take Him to Calvary, nail Him to the cross and gamble over His garments as He died (for their sin)

These men were directly responsible for the death of Jesus!

**B. The ‘Religious’ Men – vs. 4-7; 15 …**

The chief priests and scribes were involved in the death of Jesus, in that …

They Arrested, Accused and Condemned Him under false charges

These same men would later walk by the cross and mock Jesus as He died,

**Mark 15:29 – *“And they that passed by railed on Him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,”***

These men were directly responsible for the death of Jesus!

**C. The ‘Ruling’ Men – 18:28 …**

Both Pilate and Herod were guilty of ignoring what they knew to be true about Jesus

(Although Herod is not mentioned in John’s Gospel)

These men had the power and the ability to set Jesus at liberty, yet they chose to let Him die

Therefore, they are directly responsible for the death of the Lord Jesus

**D. The ‘Rebellious’ Men – v. 18 …**

The Bible tells us in the other Gospels that Jesus was crucified between two thieves

**Matthew 27:38 – *“Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left”***

The Bible tells us that one of these men ridiculed Jesus and rejected Him vocally that day

**Luke 23:39 – *“And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us”***

This man condoned Jesus’ Death

**E. The ‘Riotous’ Men – Luke 23:21-23 …**

Among those who rejected Jesus on that infamous day

… were the crowds that had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover

Without a doubt some of these people were the same ones who had lined the road into the city just a few days before, and had hailed Him as their coming King

Now, they stand with their leaders and call for the blood of their innocent Messiah

These people were directly responsible for the death of Jesus!

Lest we be quick to condemn those who condemned the Lord,

Let think about one more group of people

**F. All “Regular’ Men**

We need to take a step back and look at the real reason Jesus went to the cross / Why did He go?

He went there because all men are sinners and stand in need of a Saviour

When Jesus went to the cross, He was dying for the sins of all humanity,

**II Corinthians 5:15 – *“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again”***

When Jesus went to the cross, He literally became sin for you and I

**II Corinthians 5:21 – *“For God hath made Jesus to be..***

***… sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Jesus”***

Since that’s true, then we are also responsible for His Death

Why did the cross happen? / For you and I!

The Lord was crucified and it was our fault!

**OUR “CONDEMNED” LORD**

**II. OUR “CRUCIFIED” LORD – vs 18-29**

These verses give us a brief account of the time Jesus spent on the cross at Calvary

John doesn't give us some of the details the other writers give …

But his account is vivid enough to give us insight into that *infamous day* when Jesus died for humanity

**A. The ‘Pain’ of the Cross**

The Bible simply sums up the crucifixion in one phrase

**v. 18** says - ***“they crucified Him…”***

People of that day would have understood the significance of this statement

But I don’t think we do today

Therefore, I think we need to realize just how great His suffering was

Can you imagine having long, iron spikes driven through your wrists and ankles?

Can you imagine hanging there for 6 hours after you had been beaten and whipped?

We can't even begin to imagine the pain He endured

Crucifixion is widely regarded as the most horrible form of execution ever devised

Let me Explain

When a person was nailed to a cross, the spikes would come into contact with the median nerve that runs through the forearms and into the hands

This would irritate this nerve and cause the body to convulse

Which would result in the body being slammed against the cross

The body would sag due to fatigue and weakness in the limbs

This collapsing of the body would result in the chest muscles preventing the lungs from expanding

The only way the condemned man could breathe would be for him to push against the spikes in his feet as he pulled against the spikes in his hands

This would have to be repeated each time a breath was needed

This action would raise him up and allow him to fill his lungs

But again, each time causing the body to convulse

Eventually the body would be so weak from this combined influence

(Plus, the blood loss, dehydration and exhaustion)

That the victim would be unable to lift his body and would suffocate

Jesus died a horrible, painful, unspeakably cruel and vile death, all because He loved us!

**The ‘Pain’ of the Cross**

**B. The ‘Purpose’ of the Cross**

When we think of the Pain Jesus endured for us on the cross,

The question that comes to mind … is - Why?

The reason is simple and straightforward

Jesus Died the death He did, Suffered the agony He did, and Endured the pain and suffering that He did …

So that He might manifest the love of God to a world of lost sinners – **John 3:16**

**Romans 5:8 –** ***“But God commended (made real) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”***

And that so He might pay the Price for our sins

**Romans 6:23 - *“For the wages of sin is death”***

**I John 2:2 – *“And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world”***

The word ***“propitiation”*** carries the idea of Appeasement or Satisfaction, specifically toward God

***“Propitiation”*** is a two-part act that involves Appeasing (satisfying) the wrath of an offended person and being Reconciled (made right) to that person

Why did Jesus go to Calvary?

He went to the cross so that the World might not go to Hell!

**The ‘Purpose’ of the Cross**

**C. The ‘Priority’ of the Cross**

There seems to be a movement today that would take away the meaning of the cross and undermine the necessity of the blood atonement for sins

However, try as they might, men can never take away the meaning of the cross!

In fact, what the world calls foolish is called Powerful and Necessary by God

**I Corinthians 1:18 – *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God”***

**I Corinthians 1:23, 24 – *“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;”***

***“But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God”***

Man may try to sanitize the Gospel to make it more appealing to a lost world,

But when the blood of Jesus and His agony on the cross is stripped away … there is no Gospel left!

They want to make the Symbol of the Cross some religious icon, some magic medallion

(The Brazen Serpent, **II Kings 18:4**)

They make it some *religious* icon that doesn't have the power to save one sinner from an eternal Hell!

Let the world do what it will,

I'll take the old rugged Cross and the blood of Jesus that was shed as the payment in full for all of my sins!

**OUR “CONDEMNED” LORD**

**OUR “CRUCIFIED” LORD**

**III. OUR “CONQUERING” LORD – vs. 30-42**

First, let’s look at …

**A. His ‘Cry’ – v. 30**

While on the Cross Jesus spoke several times

Yet, just prior to His death, He made this statement

***“It is finished!”***

Please note that Jesus did not say, *“I am finished!”*

This was not the cry of a defeated man, no!

Rather, this was the cry of a Victor!

This is the cry of Someone who has paid the price and finished the work He came to do!

In truth, this Phrase is very vivid and expressive

Understanding how it was used in Jesus’ day may help us better understand

**1.** It was a Servant's Word - Used when a task was finished!

**2.** It was a Priest's Word - Used when a sacrificial animal was examined and found worthy

**3.** It was a Farmer's Word - Used when an animal was born that was a perfect specimen

**4.** It was an Artist's Word - Used when an artist had applied the finishing touches to a masterpiece

It meant that nothing more could be done to make it better

**5.** It was a Merchant's Word - Used when a merchant and a customer had come to an agreement over the price of something

This implied that the haggling was over, the deal was struck and everyone involved had been fully satisfied

To sum it up … When Jesus made this cry,

He was telling us that the price had been paid, salvation had been finished and that God was satisfied with the price that had been paid

**His ‘Cry’**

Not only do we Hear His Cry, but we also see …

**B. What was ‘Completed’**

After Jesus uttered this cry, He died and was taken down from the cross and was buried

Please understand that when Jesus went to the cross, it was absolutely necessary for Him to die

If He hadn't died on the cross, sin would have never been paid for

After all, the wages of sin was, is and will ever be Death

**Romans 6:23 – *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”***

People think the cross is bloody, and they are right!

But you cannot be saved without faith in the shed blood of Jesus!

**The ‘Completion’**

**C. The ‘Continuation’**

I am about to get into next week's sermon,

But I decided many years ago that I would never leave Jesus hanging on the cross

The good news is that 3 days after He died, He also rose from the dead

He died to pay for our sins and He rose to provide for our Justification

Some of the greatest words in the Bible are found in …

**Matthew 28:6 – *“He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay”***

The fact that Jesus is risen is what sets Christianity apart from the rest of the world's religions

Our Saviour is Living

Jesus is alive and so is everyone who places their faith in Him for salvation!

**CONCLUSION**

I thank God this morning for Our Crucified Lord!

I am thankful that He was willing to suffer what He did so that we might be saved

The question that stands today is this; have you been saved?

Are you trusting in Jesus and Jesus alone for your soul's salvation?

If you are trusting anything else, then you are lost and need to be born again

What will you do with Jesus?

When you think of what He has done for us,

… there is only one answer that makes any sense

We must give Jesus our hearts and life and then serve Him until He calls us home

Now, for the Christian, there is this question

When faced with all that Jesus did for you on the cross,

Can you honestly say that you are living for Him like you should?

If not, or if you need to be saved, then I invite you to come to Jesus right now and to allow Him to have His way in your life

Will you respond as the Lord has spoken to your hearts today?

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