

“Jesus Crucified”

John 19:17-25; Luke 23:26-31

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All the events of the crucifixion scene accentuate the majestic character of Jesus as the Son of God fulfilling the eternal plan of God.

1. Jesus’ suffering shows He identifies with weak humanity.

“They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha” (John 19:17)

“When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene [‘a passer-by...the father of Alexander and Rufus’ - Mark 15:21], coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus” (Luke 23:26)

2. Jesus’ sympathy for the women manifests His high priestly care for them.

“And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. But Jesus turning to them said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children’ ” (Luke 23:27-28)

3. Jesus’ sacrifice displays His willingness to pay the shameful penalty for sin.

“here they crucified Him” (John 19:18)

“there they crucified Him” (Luke 23:33)

“when they crucified Him” (Mark 15:25)

“and having crucified Him” (Matthew 27:35)

“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening of our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

4. **Jesus' substitution is revealed as He dies in the place of a sinner, with sinners.**

"When they came to the place called The Skull ['Calvary' - KJV], there they crucified Him and the criminals ['two robbers' - Matthew 27:38], one on the right and the other on the left" (Luke 23:33)

"His grave was assigned with wicked men" (Isaiah 53:9)

"He made Him Who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21)

5. **Jesus' signs at death declare Him both King and Messiah.**

"Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, 'JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.' Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek" (John 19:19-20)

"the soldiers...took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be'; this was to fulfill the Scripture: 'THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS' " (John 19:23-24; cf. Psalm 22)