

The Crucifixion

Mark 15:16-47

The Son of God bears the wrath of God for the people of God.

1. The Preparation

2. The Crucifixion

“Before we can begin to see the cross as something done *for* us (leading to faith and worship), we have to see it as something done *by* us (leading us to repentance).” John Stott¹

“You shall measure the height of His love, if it is ever measured, by the depth of His grief, it that can ever be known.” Charles Spurgeon²

¹ *The Cross of Christ*, 59.

² *The Power of the Cross of Christ*, 104.

3. The Declaration

“As Jesus dies... the way is truly opened directly to God for all who come by faith. This is the glorious meaning of the tearing of the curtain, and particularly from top to bottom, signifying God’s action in Christ, a point to be constantly remembered in all our reflections on the meaning of Christ’s death.”
Donald English³

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What do you think and feel when reading the story of the crucifixion?
2. When you think of the crucifixion, do you think of it as being something done *for* you or something done *by* you? What are some ways that it was done *by* you?
3. What is the significance of the torn curtain in the temple? How will this truth change your quiet times, your confession, or your worship?
4. Do you agree with the centurion that Jesus is the Son of God? What changes is God calling you to make to show that you agree with that statement?

Next week: The Resurrection, Mark 16:1-8

³ *The Message of Mark*, 235.