

The Cross

April 13, 2025

I. Introduction

A. Today: The Cross

1. "I owe a debt I cannot pay; He paid a debt He did not owe"

B. Next week: The empty grave

II. The Cross

A. Its necessity

1. God's standard: Perfection
 - a. Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8
2. Man's condition: Sinful
 - a. Romans 3:10, 23; Luke 18:13
3. The consequences:
 - a. Physical death – Romans 6:23
 - b. Spiritual death (Hell) – Matthew 25:41, 46
4. Man's inability to remedy the problem
 - a. Romans 4:5; Titus 3:35

B. Its narrative:

1. The incarnation – John 1:1, 14
2. Good Friday: The last 24 hours (major events)
 - a. Passover (Exodus 12) celebrated – Matthew 26:17-30
 - b. Washes the disciples' feet – John 13:1-20
 - c. Announces His betrayer – John 13:21-30
 - d. Announces Peter's denial – John 13:36-38
 - e. The Upper Room discourse – John 13-17
 - f. His agony in Gethsemane – Luke 24:39-46
 - g. His arrest:
 - i. Before Annas – John 18:13
 - ii. Before Caiaphas – John 18:19-24
 - iii. Pilate
 - iv. Herod
 - v. Pilate: Barabas released – Matthew 27:15-26
 - h. Carries cross to Golgotha – John 19:16, 17
 - i. Crucified – Luke 23:33-38

j. Repentant thief – Luke 23:39-43

k. Darkness followed by death – Luke 23:44-46; John 19:30

l. Pierced side – John 19:28-42

C. Its numerous results:

1. Redemption of mankind – Ephesians 1:7-10; Colossians 1:14
2. Redemption of the earth – Romans 8:18-23
3. It satisfied the righteous demands of the father
 - a. Romans 8:1-5
 - b. Revelation 13:8
4. Calvary as seen by the Father – Acts 2:22-24; 3:11-16; 4:24-28