

# **“Crucified For Me”**

## **The Substitute – Part 3**

Luke 23:26-49

April 1, 2012

### ❖ **Jesus Was Crucified For Me . . .**

#### **1. TO DEMONSTRATE THE HORRIFIC CONSEQUENCES OF SIN.**

‘And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.’ Genesis 3:15 (NIV1984)

“What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.” Romans 3:9 (NIV1984)

‘There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.’ Romans 3:10-12 (NIV1984)

“Now we know that the Law speaks to those who live under the Law. No one can say that he does not know what sin is. Yes, every person in the world stands guilty before God. No person will be made right with God by doing what the Law says. The Law shows us how sinful we are.” Romans 3:19-20 (NLT)

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah 5:20 (NKJV)

#### **2. TO REVEAL THE AMAZING LOVE OF GOD.**

“But now God has shown us a way to be made right with Him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for He was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate His righteousness, for He Himself is fair and just, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.” Romans 3:21-26 (NLT)

“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5 (NIV 1984)

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV 1984)

#### **3. TO PROVIDE THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION.**

“What then do we have to be proud of? Nothing at all! Why? Is it because men obey the Law? No! It is because men put their trust in Christ. This is what we have come to know. A man is made right with God by putting his trust in Christ. It is not by his doing what the Law says.” Romans 3:27-28 (NLT)

‘Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.’ Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

“Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:16 (NLT)

## ❖ Life Group Questions . . .

1. Pastor Bob mentioned we spend time thinking about the big things in our life. What is the 'Big Thing' going on in your life currently? Discuss the temporary versus eternal consequences of the next big thing and the gospel. Where do you place most your thoughts... temporary or eternal? Why?
2. Pastor Bob related the fact that people are best remembered by what they did in this life. If you were to die tonight... how would those closest to you remember you?
3. In the Garden before the fall of man Adam and Eve walked with God. After sinning, they hid in shame. What are ways you have hidden from God? What are some of the real consequences to our sin?
4. The Gospel is first mentioned in Genesis 3:15. Who are the people in this verse and how does it communicate the Gospel. How can/does it provide comfort for those who believe?
5. When was the last time you compared yourself to another Christian to justify your sin? Why do we do this? Read Romans 3:9-12 how should we respond to this passage? What do you think the verse means no one seeks God? Is a Non Christian able to do good things for God? In the end what happens to the person he relies on their good deeds to get to heaven. How can you speak the gospel truth into their life?
6. Pastor Bob said the 10 commandments or the law is like a mirror. It reveals what we really look like. What does the law reveal about us? What is the difference between the law and the gospel? How does reading Romans 3:19-20 change your perspective of Jesus on the cross?
7. Read Romans 3:21-26 ... What does God's justice require from us? What does his love provide for us?
8. Why was Jesus crucified?
9. Read Isaiah 53:5 ... What do you see when you look at the cross?
10. How might you engage someone who says Jesus isn't the only way to heaven? How would explain Romans 3:27-28 to someone asking how to be saved?
11. What do you and I have in common with Barabbas?

\*\*\* Pray for some people you might invite to the Easter service Next week.