

THE PRICE OF REDEMPTION

Lk. 23:24-47

PRIORITY OF RIGHT / PAIN OF REJECTION

Brings us to the cross. The reason he came.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Words could never describe what he endured on the cross. What did he endure?

1. HE ENDURED THE SIN OF HUMANITY

v. 34, tells us many things, one being that man needs forgiveness.

He needs forgiveness because he is a sinner.

When Jesus hung on the cross he had all the sin of mankind placed on him.

Is 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Is 53:12he bare the sin of many....

1 Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...

He took our sin on himself.

There is no way we can even imagine how that must have been for him. He was absolutely holy. He is grieved by even the presence of sin

All the sin of all the world was placed on him. (raw sewage poured on you)

2. HE ENDURED THE SILENCE OF HEAVEN

Mt 27:46 ...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Where is his Father? What has happened to God? Why does he not come to rescue his son?

THIS STATEMENT TELLS US THAT THE FATHER WAS ANGRY:

All the wrath of a holy God was poured out on Jesus.

Ps.7:11b "is angry with the wicked every day"

His holiness demands a hatred for sin.

The absolute wrath of an absolute holy God was on Jesus.

THIS STATEMENT TELLS US THAT THE SON WAS ABANDONED:

"forsaken" = abandoned

Hab 1:13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity...

God cannot even look upon sin. He had to turn his back on his own son.

3. HE ENDURED THE SUFFERING OF HELL

Hell is the result of sin. The payment for sin is going to hell forever.

Re 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Re 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Jesus paid the total price of sin.

The holiness of God demands that sin be punished. Even if that sin is on the very Son of God. In the six hours he hung on the cross, he endured all the pain and horror of hell.

HE EXPERIENCED THIRST Jn 19:28 I thirst.

It has been approximately 36 hours since they had arrested him. There's a good chance, they have given him no water during that time. He's had no sleep, he's endured scrouging that would deplete his body of fluids. No wonder, he was thirsty.

Lk 16:24 ...Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue.

HE EXPERIENCED PAIN

Is 53:4 ...yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Is 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him...

“bruise” =smite / crush / broken to pieces

We see pictures of Jesus hanging on the cross with a few drops of blood. That depiction is so far from the facts. The Bible teaches that Jesus was so brutalized that he no longer looked human.

Is 52:14his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

It was not just the people who were smiting Jesus, it was his own Father.

His Father was judging him just as though he was a sinner.

Lk 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments

Lk 16:24 ...I am tormented in this flame.

HE EXPERIENCED BEING SEPARATED FROM THE MERCY OF GOD

The worse thing about hell is, the mercy of God will not be there.

Jn 19:30 ...It is finished:

Perfect tense. = a completed action. Nothing needs to be / can be added.

Sin can be punished only once. Either by us or by a substitute.

It cost a lot for salvation. I'm so glad he was willing to pay the price.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

We can see the reaction of man by looking at those around the cross.

Some of them are troubled by this awful sight. We see a few tears.

We see is most people laughing, mocking, trying to benefit somehow.

v.34b, cast lots.

v.35, made fun.

v.36-37, soldiers, if you are who you claim to be--

v.39, one thief ridiculed.

v. 41-42, one admitted his sin and accepted him

You must accept it, or it will all be in vain. He died so you wouldn't have to go to hell, but you will unless you repent and accept it.