Nail It To The Cross!

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The Cross Has A Message For Today

- It Is A Message Of Love And Triumph

READ: Mark 15:21-41
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This Cross Is The Intersection Of The Enormity Of God’s Love With The Immensity Of Man’s Need

The Cross Was The Crowning Moment For Those Longing For Messiah

It Made A Way For Those Far From God To Be Close To Him
1 Corinthians 15:3 (NIV) (3) ... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures

The Pain Of The Cross Was Compounded By The Shame Of The Cross

The Cross In It’s Pure Cruelty And Utter Shame Was A Curse

Yet This Emblem Of Unspeakable Shame Becomes The Royal Standard God Chose For His Church. Hughes, R.
There were Miracles at the Cross:

A God-Sent Darkness Hid The Cross As The Son Of God Was Made Sin For Us (2 Cor. 5:21).

The Veil Of The Temple Was Torn In Two “From The Top To The Bottom” (Mark 15:38).
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Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV) 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

The Cross -- Changes Our Lives Forever
Jesus Rendered Satan Powerless On The Cross
Because Of The Cross It’s A Whole New Day For Us
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When We Were Dead In Sins And Fleshly Living – God Made Us Alive In Christ!

We Sinned Against The Very One Who Gave Us Life & Showed Us Love
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Sin Left A Permanent Stain We Can’t Clean Up

- Our Sins Like An Unmovable Mountain -- Testify Against Us

And Their Message Is: Guilty!

It Should Have Been Our Cross On Calvary That Day

- And Yet Jesus Was Nailed To It On Our Behalf
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- Everything That Stood Against Us
- All That Opposed Us From Being Delivered & Set Free
- Jesus Nailed It All To The Cross!!
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Without Christ’s Victory On The Cross -- We Have No Reason For Hope

- The death of Christ is Central to the Christian faith.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV) (18) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV) (14) But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
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The Triumph Of The Cross:

• The Cross Brings Glory To Jesus Christ
• The Cross Brings Reconciliation

Ephesians 2:13; 16 (NKJV) (13) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ (16) and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity
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• Christ’s Shed Blood On The Cross Means Our Sins Are Hidden. Covered By His Blood

• We Identify With The Crucified Christ -- This Releases Us From Our Old Way Of Life

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) (20) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
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Notable Achievements Of Christ’s Death On The Cross

• Jesus Christ’s Death Establishes The New Covenant
• Jesus Christ’s Death Is A Victory
• Jesus Christ’s Death Brings Redemption
There Is No Greater Example Of The Love Of God For Sinful Man Than The Cross Of Calvary

His Was The Love Of One Who Was Willing To Give His Life For The Unlovable.

Romans 5:6 (NIV) (6) You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) (8) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
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The Cross more than a symbol -- is the heartthrob of a loving God for a wicked creation!  

Hughes, R.

1 John 4:10 (NIV) (10) This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
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Christ Paid Our Debt For Sin
He Came To Live Among Us
He Left His Home In Heaven In Order To Redeem Us

- Jesus Christ’s Death Brings Forgiveness And Cleansing
- 1 John 1:7 (NIV) (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
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He is the Perfect – ‘Once and for All’ -- Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:12 (NLT2) (12) With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

The Cross Is God’s Remedy For Sin

The Cross Points Out How Wicked And Desperate Sin Is

The Cross Is Our Basis For Salvation
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• **SIN:**
  • What It Is
  • What It Does
  • What It Cannot Do

*Sin -- Wraps Around Us -- It Hinders Us*
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- Sin Has Cursed The World
- Sin Crushes Man's Hopes And Plans
- Sin Is Inbred In Man's Heart
- Things Continue To Go Wrong

(Jer 17:9 NIV) The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
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JAMES 2:10 (NASB) For Whoever Keeps The Whole Law And Yet Stumbles In One Point, He Has Become Guilty Of All

Sin Has Made Our World A Place Of Chaos, Pain & Sorrow

What Is Sin? Sin Is A Deliberate Decision To Do Or Say Or Think My Own Way Instead Of God's Way

1) Sin Is An Assertion Of Self-Will
2) Sin Is An Assumption Of Divine Rights
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Jesus In His Life Opposed Sinful Attitudes:

1) He Sought Not His Will -- But The Father’s

2) He Gave Up His Rights-- He Became A Servant
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What Sin Does:

Sin Has Had A Tremendous Effect On Us Physically

• It Has Made Our Body Subject To:
  • Sickness
  • Pain
  • Aging
  • Death
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Satan Denies The Effect Of Sin – “You Shall Not Surely Die”

• That Was A Big Lie
• Man Did Die That Day -- Not Physically But Spiritually

What Were The Results Of Sin?

• Man Was Cursed
• Those After Him Were Cursed
• Nature Was Cursed
Genesis 3:17-19 (NIV) (17) To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. (18) It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. (19) By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."
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What Sin Cannot Do:

- The Situation Of Sin And Sinfulness Is Not Hopeless Thanks To Jesus Christ.
- *(Heb 9:26b NIV)* _But now he has appeared_ once for all at the end of the ages _to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself._
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We Can’t Save Ourselves From Sin, Yet Because Of God’s Grace And Jesus’ Gift On The Cross We Can Receive Salvation From The Lord.

The Grip Of Sin Is Broken = There are things Sin Can’t Do:

1) Sin Cannot Claim You -- If You’re A Believer

2) Sin Cannot Hold You -- If You’re A Believer
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The Cross Says Deliverance: Because Of The Cross, Sin No Longer Has Dominion Over The Christian Believer.

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The Cross Brings A Separation Between The Christian And The World.
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TODAY: Claim Your Victory Over Sin!!

- Sin Cannot Claim You
- Sin Cannot Control You
- Sin Cannot Condemn You
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Scripture Says That “Today Is The Day Of Salvation”

Don’t Continue Encumbered By Sin ---
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Come To The Cross And Receive Christ’s Victory
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- Unforgiveness Divides Us
- Bitterness Sours Us
- But Jesus Reconciles Us >>> So We Nail It To The Cross
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- Fear Of Things Known & Of Things Unknown Freezes Us

- Jesus Encourages Us >>> So We Nail It To The Cross
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- Sickness Disables Us

- Jesus Heals Us >>> So We Nail It To The Cross
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- Addictions Enslave Us
- Jesus Frees Us>>> So We Nail It To The Cross
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- Hopelessness Depresses Us

- Jesus Cheers Us  >>>>  So We Nail It To The Cross
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- Loneliness Isolates Us

- Jesus Recognizes & Befriends Us >>> So We Nail It To The Cross
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- Anger Unhinges Us

- Jesus Calms & Reconciles Us >>> So We Nail It To The Cross
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God’s Love For You Is So Great That At The Cross

• Instead Of Hate -- There Is Love
• Instead Of Tragedy -- There Is Triumph
• Instead Of A Cursing -- There Is A Blessing
• Instead Of Hopes Fading -- Hope Is Blazing
• Instead Of Your Sin -- There Is God’s Forgiveness