



Video Sermon Notes: May 3rd 2020

Easter Reflections: Crucifixion

Philippians 2:8 + Hebrews 12:2

*See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown*

1. Sin is a result of believing in a "false tree". It's a tree that only gives the appearance and allure of life, but in the end leads to death.

READ: Psalm 22:1; 6-8; 12-18

In **Isaiah 53:5** it says, "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities." When you read about the pain of the cross and what Jesus endured, how does that affect how you see your sin? Why is it important to understand the costliness of sin?

2. The cross is a great equalizer, it humbles both the weak and the strong.

READ: Ephesians 2:14-16

Our identity with Jesus is also an identifying with his death. Paul writes in **Galatians 2:20**, "I have been crucified with Christ, therefore I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." How did the crucifixion (1) reconcile us to God (2) put to death our hostility towards one another? How does knowing that Jesus died for you change how you treat others? How does knowing that He did this while you were hostile to Him change how you treat others who are hostile to you? What should living truly alive-in-Him now look like?

3. The writer of the classic hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" concludes with these words: "I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face. Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss; my sinful self - my only shame, my glory - all the cross."

READ: 1 Corinthians 1:18

Because of the gospel, what does the cross mean to you?