



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage: Matthew 27:50-56
Title: The Cross (Part 3)
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Discussion Starter – What do you think it takes to get the story of the cross from your Head to your Heart?

Declaration of Anguish and Affliction (John 19:28-30)

- How did Jesus' statement "I thirst" reveal a declaration of anguish and affliction?
- In John Chapter 4, Jesus refers to Himself as "Living water". In what way is this passage connected to Jesus being thirsty just before He dies on the cross?
- Read Psalm 42:1-2 and Matthew 5:6. What additional insights do these verses give us about being thirsty? How do you think we can we apply these insights in our relationship with God?

God's Eternal Plan to Purchase Our Salvation (John 19:30)

- What did Jesus mean when He said "Tetelestai – It is finished"? What do you think the witnesses and His own disciples might have thought Jesus meant when He said "It is Finished"?
- Read Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 53:3-5 and 1Peter 1:15-21. What can you gather about God's eternal plan from these scriptures? Why do you think God made us with a capacity to sin, knowing ahead of time that He would have to pay such a high price to redeem us?
- How do we know the wrath of God was completely satisfied by Jesus' death on the cross?
- What is the specific victory that is won here by Jesus? How should that change our lives as Christians?
- Are there any sins that you have confessed that you are still holding onto? Are there any struggles in your life where you are allowing the enemy to condemn you? Read 1 John 1:9. What do we learn from this verse and how can we identify if we are abusing this grace of God?

Declaration of Serenity (Luke 23:46; Matthew 27:50-56)

- What is the unique transition that you see taking place when Jesus cried out "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." What do you think this statement indicates? What does it look like for us to "commit our spirit" to God and how should this change our lives?
- What is the significance of the temple veil being torn in two? What four things does it declare to us?
- What effect or purpose do you think the supernatural events at Jesus' death on the cross had on those who witnessed it first hand? Why do you think we don't see similar supernatural events today?
- Explain how each of the Old Testament Ceremonies are fulfilled by Jesus. Which ones still remain and how and when will they be fulfilled?