7 Things About Calvary

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INTRODUCTION

- I wonder, as people consider that baby in the manger, if they have given sufficient consideration to the man that he became and what his life and his death really mean.
- I want to ask you this morning do you know what the life of the adult Jesus means?
- We are not instructed to commemorate the manger scene every week. But we are instructed by Scripture to remember every first day of the week his death.

1 One Lord

2 Timothy 1:8–10; Philippians 2; Acts 4:12

- One thing that I see is one Lord. That was my Lord, who died on that cross that day.
- Our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
- There is salvation in him and no one else.
- When you see the cross, you need to think of absolute authority. The one who has the right to rule in our lives.

2 Two Thieves, Three Crosses

Luke 23; Isaiah 53:12; Luke 22:37

- And he was saying, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
- There was, first of all, an acute awareness of his approaching death and his proximity to what lies beyond.
- Grace has never been better demonstrated than in Jesus' dying hour when he saved this man who certainly did not deserve it.
- If Jesus could take a saving interest in this man, doesn't that give you hope that he could take an interest in you?

3 A Whip Laid to the Back 39 Times

2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24–25

- Have you ever experienced anything like a whip being laid to your back that grabs your flesh and rips it open to the tune of 39 times?
- This is what must be done to pay the price for your sins and for mine.
- He who knew no sin became sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in him.
- He bore in his body our sins upon that tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

4 Five Garments

John 19; Psalm 22:18

- John 19 tells us that the four soldiers there took his outer garments and made four parts.
- Now the tunic was more valuable than the other garments of Jesus, for this they cast lots, that again it might be fulfilled.
- They divided my outer garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

5 An Event That Lasted Six Hours

Colossians 2:6–7; Ephesians 5:10

- An event that lasted six hours. According to the text, it began about 9 a.m. that Friday.
- Darkness, an unusual kind of darkness, covered and shrouded the scene.
- The fact that you and I can walk in the light as he is in the light is because of the darkness that day.
- Let this scene motivate us to be the children of light.

6 Seven Sayings Uttered by Jesus

Psalm 22; Psalm 31

- Father, forgive. For they do not know what they are doing.
- My God, my God. Why hast thou forsaken me?
- And then his words of victory. His words of accomplishment. It is finished.
- Here Jesus is dying for us, for all of humankind who have sinned on their account, and he is still serving others.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you ready to meet the King and Lord? Because He’s going to be our judge, and you will stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

MY NOTES