What The Cross Tells Us

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INTRODUCTION

- The most significant historical events of all time involved the death of Jesus of Nazareth on Golgotha's brow. And three days later, his resurrection from the dead.
- Father, the hour has come. Glorify thy Son. That the Son may glorify thee.
- If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to myself. And so I want to speak to you this morning about what the cross tells us.

1 The Cross Tells Us About the Justice of God

Romans 3:23–26; John 1:29; Deuteronomy 32:3–4

- God is both just and the justifier.
- All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Being justified as a gift by his grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.
- That he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
- The justice of God, the fact that God is just, demanded more. It demanded the perfect Lamb, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- He could not offer some simplistic solution for the problem. A just God demanded justice.

2 The Horror of Sin

1 John 2; 1 Peter 2; 2 Corinthians 2:11

- The death of Jesus on the cross ought forever to speak in our minds to the horrific nature of sin. And it must never ever be minimized in our lives.
- Propitiation. It's the satisfying of God's anger.
- It is never a small thing. Sin often blinds us to its true character.
- Just a simple act of jealousy. A simple occasion of lust. A simple outburst of anger. The requirement to fix even those was the death of Jesus at Calvary.
- We need to cultivate a sense of horror where all sin is concerned.

3 The Incredible Wisdom of God

Romans 5:6; Romans 11:32–36

- For while we were still helpless at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. It was the absolute perfect moment in history.
- God arranges perfectly the climate that would be necessary for Jesus to be put to death as the sin sacrifice and the climate necessary for the gospel to spread throughout the entire world.
- Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God. How unsearchable are his judgments, and how unfathomable are his ways.

- When you see the cross, you need to see the wisdom of God, the surpassing wisdom of our creator.

4 The Power of God

1 Corinthians 2:8

- If the rulers of this age had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- You meant it for evil. But God meant it for good.
- God can trump the evil of men to his ultimate good, and he can take the most heinous act. Putting to death the innocent Son of God. And turn that into the salvation of the human race.
- Has he ever declared it more poignantly than at the cross? His awesome power.

5 The Love of God

Romans 5:7–11

- But God demonstrates his own love toward us, and that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- For if we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his son.
- Without him, I am helpless. He did not want me to remain helpless.
- To such unfathomable lengths would God go. God himself would suffer rejection and pain and death.
- Don't ever question if God loves you. The cross forever concludes. He loves you.

THE CHALLENGE

What a great opportunity to die and yet rise unto life.

MY NOTES