

“What Do I See When I Look at a Cross?”

Mark 15:28-32

Introduction

- I. When Jesus was crucified what did certain groups see?
- II. What about us (what do we see when we look at a cross)?
 - A. Sin has a cost.
 - B. Sin has a destination.
 - C. Sin has a cure.

Discussion

- I. Sin has a cost.
 - A. There are some who live their lives as if there is no cost for their actions (Isa 59:1-2; Rom. 6:23).
 1. Someone or something has to die because of sin (Nadab and Abihu [Lev. 10:1-3]; Uzzah [1 Chr. 13]; Achan [Josh. 7]).
 2. Jesus is the one who ultimately died for the sins of all mankind (1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 2:2).
 - B. Individuals want their sins to be permissible and accepted (Rom. 1:18-32).
 - C. False teachers and preachers have scratched their ears (2 Tim. 4:1-4).
- II. Sin has a destination
 - A. Hell is a very real place (Matt. 18:9; Rev. 20:14-15)!
 - B. People may try to imagine otherwise, but it does not change the truth (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 14:11; Mark 9:47-48).
 - C. Many will find their souls lost in Hell (Rev. 21:8; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21).
 - D. Jesus saves souls from having to go to Hell (John 3:14-21; Matt. 22:1-14; Rom. 5:8-9).
- III. Sin has a cure.
 - A. The blood of Jesus Christ washes away sin (Acts 22:16; 20:28; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 10:29; Rev. 7:14-17).
 - B. Some mocked Christ's suffering, but without it, none of us could be cured from the soul sickness of sin (Mark 15:16-20; cf. Rom. 6:12-18).

Conclusion

- I. What do you see when you look at a cross?
- II. It should always be a reminder that sin has a cost, a destination and a cure!