



## The Lord's Day Worship

April 5, 2020

### Opening Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Read or have someone in your home read Palm 61:1-4 aloud and then have an open time of prayer, giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness and mercy. After closing in prayer, you may begin to play the service audio or video from the church website.

### Riverwood Family Greeting

Luarice Simmons & Thomesa White

### Elder Greeting & Pastoral Prayer

Brad Ford

### Songs of Praise

*"All Glory, Laud, & Honor"*

*"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

### The Teaching of the Word

Credo – Part 10 – "Pierced for Our Transgressions"

### Song of Response

*"Because He Lives (Amen)"*

### Benediction

Read or have someone in your home read aloud Romans 15:13

# CREDO

- "I Believe" -

The Christian Faith in a Faithless World

Part 10

"Pierced for Our Transgressions"

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## Introduction: Who will ascend the hill of the Lord?

- On the first day of the last week of Jesus' earthly life, as He traveled along the road to Jerusalem that ascends to the Temple, He was hailed by the crowds of pilgrims as the promised Messianic King (John 12:13). In these events, the words of Psalm 24 may be recalled.
- It was Jesus' ascent up another hill, however, that of Calvary, that would make it possible for God's people to truly ascend the hill of the Lord and come into His presence.

**Key Point:** Through His crucifixion, the Lord Jesus accomplished the ultimate purpose of His earthly life by simultaneously \_\_\_\_\_ the wrath of God against sin and securing \_\_\_\_\_ for ruined sinners.

## The Work of the Son

### His Crucifixion— John 19:16b-27

"We need to be clear where the scandal of the cross lies: not primarily in such [theological] concepts as expiation and propitiation, but in the...absurdity that a crucified first-century Jewish criminal is the Savior of the world, and that his cross was the actual instrument of that salvation. Side by side with that lies another scandal: the assumption that all human beings, from Francis of Assisi to Joseph Stalin, are sinners in need of salvation in the first place. And, as if all this were not enough, the further scandalous idea that God is not all-indulgent love, but is dreadfully provoked by sin and needs to be pacified."

- Donald Macleod, *Christ Crucified*

- We believe that crucifixion of Jesus Christ vividly *displayed* the just punishment that all sinners deserve.

**Crucifixion**— (from Lat. *crux*, "cross," and a form of the verb *figere*, "attach" or "fasten") was a form of Roman capital punishment. It was practiced throughout the ANE and was used specifically for its cruelty as a public show of forced humiliation.

### Old Testament Background

Although the Jews did not practice crucifixion, reference is made in the OT to one that is executed and who the leaders may decide to "hang" on a tree. There are also references to the Philistines "fastening" Saul's body to the wall of a city. Haman (from Esther) was also "hanged" from a great pole. The Jews could publicly "hang" a body, but only for a brief period of time in order to show that such a man is cursed by God.

Deut. 21:22-23a—<sup>22</sup> "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, <sup>23</sup> his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.

⇒ Crimes punishable by death: idolatry (sacrifice to foreign gods), blasphemy, false prophecy, witchcraft, Sabbath-breaking, defiling the Tabernacle (Temple), all manner of sexual sin, murder, negligent homicide, violence against or cursing of one's parents, persistent insolence and disobedience.

"cursed" — *qēlalāh* (Heb.), *epikataratos* (Gk.)—(the lessening of what something was); to make little or contemptible.

- \* To be cursed by God is to receive the opposite of His \_\_\_\_\_. It is a form of judgment whereby God reveals His justice and wrath.

**Key Point:** The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus crucified in order to show that He was under the curse of God for His own sin. Ironically, Jesus' crucifixion displayed that all \_\_\_\_\_ stands under God's curse for sin.

## His Death— John 19:28-37

- We believe that Jesus' death was *substitutionary*.

Gal. 3:10-13—<sup>10</sup> For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED BE EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, AND DO THEM." [DEUT. 27:26] <sup>11</sup> Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." [HAB. 2:4] <sup>12</sup> But the law is not of faith, rather "THE ONE WHO DOES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM." [LEV. 18:5] <sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO IS HANGED ON A TREE..." [DEUT. 21:23]

⇒ The Lord Jesus was treated in the \_\_\_\_\_ that all sinners deserve, being forsaken by God & punished.

Mark 15:34—And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

"As for my sake, He was called a curse, who destroyed my curse; and sin, who taken away the in of the world; and became a new Adam to take the place of the old, just so He makes my disobedience His own as Head of the whole body." —Gregory Nazianzus (4th C.)

### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY  
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;  
AND IN JESUS CHRIST  
HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD,  
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED & WAS BURIED,  
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD,  
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN  
FROM THE DEAD  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,  
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE  
FATHER ALMIGHTY;  
FROM THERE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE  
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.  
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT;  
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;  
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS;  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS;  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.  
AMEN.

- **We believe that Jesus' death secured *atonement*.**

**Atonement**—Virtually the only theological term to originate in English. It was in all likelihood used for the first time in Tyndale's English translation as derived from the adv. phrase *atonen*, meaning "in accord," literally, "at one." In both Hebrew (*kaphar*) and Greek (*katallagē*), the term carries the idea of reestablishing a broken relationship; "reconciliation."

#### Old Testament Background

The concept of atonement is rooted in the OT sacrificial system, however, it predates the giving of the Mosaic Law. Although sacrifices that involved food and drink were commanded, the primary understanding of sacrifice in the OT involved an offering of blood (and therefore the death of an animal). The ultimate example of this is found in Leviticus 16 which describes the Day of Atonement.

Lev. 16:30—*For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins.*

\* There were two animals that were offered that day by the High Priest in order to make atonement.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Offering (Lev. 16:15-19)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev. 16:20-22)

⇒ **The death of Jesus was the means by which God \_\_\_\_\_ sinners to Himself.**

- (1) The blood of Jesus satisfies the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ of God against sinners (God is *Propitiated*)

Rom. 3:23-25—<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

- (2) The blood of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ over sin and \_\_\_\_\_ its defilement (Sin is *Expiated*)

Heb. 2:17—*Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

1 John 1:7b—...the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Rev. 1:5b—...To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

**Key Point:** When Jesus cried out, "It is finished," He was referring to the \_\_\_\_\_ that He had come into the world to accomplish which would make it possible for sinful mankind to be restored in their relationship to God.

#### **His Burial—John 19:38-42**

- **We believe that after Jesus died He was buried in \_\_\_\_\_ of prophecy and in \_\_\_\_\_ of His resurrection.**

Isa. 53:9—*And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.*

Matt. 12:29-41—<sup>39</sup>But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup>For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup>The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

**Key Point:** Jesus continues to \_\_\_\_\_ with His people even in death, offering comfort and hope to we who live in death's shadow.

#### **Concluding Thoughts**

1. **In our own merits, we are utterly \_\_\_\_\_ of "ascending the hill of the Lord."**

Psa. 24:3-4—<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

2. **Thanks be to God that He has done for us in Christ what we could not do for \_\_\_\_\_!**

Psa. 51:7-10—<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

2 Cor. 5:21—*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*