

THE CROSS

Mark 15:16-39

Point : 1

**The cross tells us
sin is costly .**

(Psa 51:4 NIV)

***Against you, you only,
have I sinned and done
what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved
right when you speak and
justified when you judge.***

(Rom 1:18 NIV)

***The wrath of God is being
revealed from heaven
against all the
godlessness and
wickedness of men who
suppress the truth by
their wickedness,***

“Before we can begin to see that the cross is something done for us, we have to see that it is something done by us” John Stott

Point : 2

The cross tells us
that God takes sin
seriously .

(Mark 15:34)

At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Point : 3

**The cross tells us
that God's love for
us is great .**

“The most perplexing theological question is not why there’s suffering in this world, but why God tolerates us in our sinfulness.

R.C Sproul

(Mark 14:36 NIV)

***"Abba, Father," he said,
"everything is possible for
you. Take this cup from
me. Yet not what I will, but
what you will."***

(Hebrews 5:8-9 NIV)

***Although he was a son,
he learned obedience
from what he suffered.
And being made perfect,
he became the author of
eternal salvation unto all
them that obey him;***

(Romans 5:19 NIV)

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

(1 John 4:9 NIV)

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Point : 4

**The cross tells us
our need for a
mediator .**

(1 Tim 2:5-6 NIV)

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.

(Romans 5:9 NIV)

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

***The glory of the gospel is
that the one from whom
we need to be save, is the
one who has saved us.***

R.C. Sproul

(John 3:16-18 NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

(John 3:16-18 NIV)

***Whoever believes in him
is not condemned, but
whoever does not
believe stands
condemned already
because he has not
believed in the name of
God's one and only Son.***

Conclusion

Sin is costly

God takes sin seriously

Gods love for us is great

We need a mediator

