

The Crucifixion
Matthew 27:32-54
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Main Point:

Jesus' crucifixion gives you unrestricted access to God; take advantage of this privilege and draw near to Him.

1. Though completely innocent, Jesus was crucified as a condemned criminal. (vv. 32-36)
2. He did not save Himself from the cross because He had come to save you on the cross. (vv. 37-44)
3. It was on the cross where Jesus was forsaken by God so that you could be reconciled to God. (vv. 45-50)
4. As a result of the cross, you now have unrestricted access to God; use it! (vv. 51-54)

Luke 23:22 ²² Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let *Him* go." (NKJV)

Hebrews 4:15 ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. (NKJV)

John Legg "In the providence of God the mocking and insults, the challenges to his divine sonship and claims to be the Savior all serve to show what was happening on the cross. It was because he was saving others that he cannot save himself. It was because he would not come down from the cross that we do believe in him. It was because he trusted in God that he stayed on the cross and because he was the Son of God that he suffered and died for us."

Amos 8:9-10 ⁹ "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight; ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only *son*, And its end like a bitter day. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 ²² "If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ "his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged *is* accursed of God. (NKJV)

Thabiti Anyabwile "On that dark midday on Golgotha, when the sun refused to shine, the unimaginable and indescribable happened. That beautiful, shining, loving face of the Father withdrew into the dark, frowning, punishing face of wrath."

Colossians 1:21-22 ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death ... (NKJV)

Hebrews 10:19-22 ¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (NKJV)