

LIVE OAK CHURCH

The Judgement On The Cross

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Luke 22:39-45; Matthew 27:45-47; 2 Corinthians 5:17

What Was The Mission & Message Of Jesus?

I. What Jesus said about Himself

- A. I am the Way
- B. I have come (into the world) that you may have life
- C. That whosoever believes (in Him) has Eternal Life

II. What ancient historians say about Jesus (Aligns with New Testament)

- A. Tacitus - Jesus lived during the reign of Tiberius Caesar
- B. Josephus - Jesus lived a virtuous life
- C. Josephus - worker of wonders
- D. Josephus - He was acclaimed to be the Messiah
- E. Josephus - crucified under Pilate
- F. Darkness covered the Earth when He died (Thallus, Lucian of Samosata)
- G. Tacitus, Suctonias: Jesus's disciples willing to die for their beliefs

III. The mission of the Cross

- A. To die for the sins of the world
- B. To be the substitute
- C. To be the payment for our sin

IV. The preparation for the Cross

- A. A time of prayer
- B. Jesus was deeply grieved & distressed
- C. Let this cup pass from me
- D. He sweat drops of blood
- E. What causes hematomas?
 - 1. Extreme stress
 - 2. Extreme anxiety
 - 3. Extreme pressure

V. What was the cause of stress, distress, & agony Jesus was about to face?

- A. Betrayal, denial, & abandonment of His friends, disciples, & family
 - 1. Judas would betray Him
 - 2. Peter would deny Him
 - 3. Thomas would deny Him
 - 4. Others would abandon Him
- B. Loss of ministry
 - 1. Everything He had worked for was coming to an end
 - 2. What would happen?
- C. Loss of life
 - 1. Saying goodbye to His mother
 - 2. Facing the enemy of death

D. Death by Crucifixion

1. Whipped - mocked, crown of thorns
2. Pierced (nailed to the Cross)
3. Dislocated
4. Dehydrated
5. Mocked
6. Heart ruptured
7. Spear through the chest

E. Forsaken by God

1. He who knew no sin became sin
(2 Corinthians 5:21)
2. So we could be adopted as Children
of God

VI. But why?

- A. For God so loved the world...
- B. That He gave His only begotten Son
- C. That whosoever believes in Him
- D. Doesn't perish, but has Eternal Life

That Was The Mission & Message Of Jesus