



## John: The Great "I AM" Gospel

John 19:17-30

### Part 4: The Glory and Example of the Cross

Read *John 19:17-19*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: After studying the chronological events of the cross, we've now spent 4 additional weeks reviewing the significance of Calvary. In this 4<sup>th</sup> and final bonus sermon, we are again reminded that the cross was the purpose of Christ coming. He was in control and fulfilled the mission perfectly. The cross is the pinnacle of our faith and redemptive history. If Jesus never did anything else for us, we would still be the most blessed creatures ever. It is the cross that becomes both our glory and our example.

1. What acts and ministries of Christ make Him worthy of our praise? Various answers. Transcending and coming to fallen earth as a man. The miracles. His divine Words. His nature and wisdom. His grace and forgiveness.

1a. Yet, with all those astounding (and worthy) factors, what is the supreme act that's even celebrated in heaven? His substitutionary death on behalf of the elect. See Revelation 5:5-12

2. So foundational is Christ's death to the Church that He instituted two ordinances for all believers in all times to practice. What are those two ordinances and how do they symbolize Calvary's cross?

- Believer's Baptism: See *Romans 6:4*
  - Follow up: What are some components of biblical baptism that further connect us to the cross? 1) It's reserved for believers only. [no infant baptism] = Voluntarily testifying to our new life, death to old self, and trusting in Christ alone. We will also rise, as He rose. 2) Water baptism by full immersion. We cannot ½ die to self and the world, but must fully die.
- The Lord's Supper: See *1 Corinthians 11:24-26* & Discuss.

3. The third thing Jesus says from Cross is: *"Woman, behold, your son!"* Then He said to the disciple, *"Behold, your mother!"* It is the ultimate model of Provision and a rich example of caring for others (even when we are going through the trial). Jesus is caring for both Mary's spiritual needs (atonement) and her physical needs (care in Jesus' absence).

Note and discuss: Churches that focus too much on one aspect of ministry (spiritual or physical) to the neglect of the other. Some churches focus on the spiritual truth nourishment but do little to nothing in service or ministry. Others have elaborate physical needs ministries, but neglect spiritual truth and doctrine.

4. Which words from Jesus on the cross mean the most to you? Why? Various Personal Answers

5. We've had 5 sermons on the cross. [Two on the events of the cross, the shame & offense of the cross, the perplexity and wonder of the cross, and the glory & example of the cross.]

- Which aspect connected with you?
- What did you learn in this series?
- Where do you need to spend more time?