

DO YOU KNOW HIM
"Let the Cross Mess You Up"
John 19:16-37

INTRODUCTION:

1. A logo is a symbol that promotes public identification and recognition.
2. In Christianity the symbol that has been chosen that promotes public recognition is **"The Cross"**
3. Hymn - *"The Old Rugged Cross"*
 - a) *"the emblem (logo) of suffering and shame."*
4. The Cross was the most shameful and painful way to die.
5. Crucifixion was actually state sponsored terrorism.
 - a) It was to strike terror into the hearts of citizens.
 - b) So that they would think twice about following some leader.
6. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Crucifixion was designed to be a painfully slow death by Asphyxiation.
 - a) A person is nailed to a cross, through their hands and feet, with nails something like railroad spikes.
 - b) And as the body slouches on the cross, the victim gasps for breath.
 - c) As they push and pull to get up the pain is excruciating!!!
 - 1) Which is a word that means "from the cross" agonizing pain.
 - 2) It was torment. It was horrific.
7. **Deuteronomy 21:23**
 - a) Cf. **Galatians 3:13**
 - 1) Christ endured the full wrath of God.
 - 2) The Father literally cursed the Son.
8. **Mark 14:65**
9. **Isaiah 52:14**

FOUR REASONS JESUS HAD TO DIE

I. JESUS DIED TO GIVE US ACCESS TO HEAVEN

1. John 19:16-22

2. Vs 18a

a) "*There they crucified him*"

3. Vs 18b

a) This is another fulfillment of prophecy given 700 years prior in Isaiah 52 and 53

4. Vs 19

5. Vs 20

a) For all to understand.

6. Vs 21

a) The murder of Jesus doesn't bother them.

b) The inscription bothers them.

7. They were so focused on the mundane that they missed the infinite.

8. That's what happens when people know the Bible but don't know Jesus.

a) The Jews were well versed in their heads but not their hearts.

9. **Very Important:** The whole point of the Bible is to introduce you to Jesus.

10. **Very Important:** You need to know the Bible in order to know Jesus.

a) Satan knows the Bible and he doesn't know Jesus.

b) Judas knew the Bible and he didn't know Jesus.

c) The religious leaders knew their Bibles, yet did not know Jesus.

11. **PURE EVIL IS TO KNOW THE BIBLE AND NOT KNOW JESUS.**

a) And you miss the whole point of the Bible.

12. Vs 21-22

a) *Leviticus 24:16*

13. The Jews hated Jesus so much because He claimed to be God.

a) And He was God.

b) **John 18:33-37**

c) *Matthew 2:2*

14. **Jesus is a VICTOR not a VICTIM**

II. JESUS DIED TO FULFILL SCRIPTURE

1. Vs 23-24

2. The Gospel of John has 8 scenes that quote OT texts and narrate their fulfillment.

- a) **John 2:14-17** Jesus drives out the money changers
- b) **John 12:12-15** Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem
- c) **John 6:31-33** God sends Jesus from Heaven
- d) **John 12:37-40** The Jewish leaders reject Him
- e) **John 13:18** Judas betrays Jesus
- f) **John 15:25** The "world" hates Jesus for no reason
- g) **John 19:24** Jesus executioners divide up His clothes
- h) **John 19:33-34, 36-37** Jesus executioners pierce His side.

3. The Bible is from God and is **perfect**.

4. The Bible is the fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus.

5. There are NO prophecies in Islam that predicted Muhammad's birth.

- a) So over here we have hundreds of prophecies dealing with Christ.
- b) Everything else ZERO!!!!

6. *Psalm 22:1, 16-18*

- a) This is a Messianic Psalm written 1000 years quoting Jesus

7. **Very Important:** On your last day only scripture will give you confidence.

8. **WOW!!!** We are to trust the Word of God till we see the God of the Word.

9. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

III. JESUS DIED TO GIVE US A FAMILY

1. Vs 25-27

- a) Jesus mother was there.
- b) It is believed that Joseph had died.
- c) Jesus Aunt was there.
- d) Mary the wife of Clopas
- e) Mary Magdalene
- f) John was there.

A. WE HAVE A PHYSICAL FAMILY

1. Vs 25-26a

a) Jesus saw His mom.

B. WE HAVE A SPIRITUAL FAMILY

1. Vs 26b-27

a) How beautiful is that?

2. This is a spiritual family.

a) Jesus loved His mom.

b) Jesus trusts John more than his own brothers

3. *Proverbs 18:24*

4. You have 3 options:

1) **Walk Away** - Judas

2) **Hide** - Peter

3) **Walk with Jesus** - John

IV. JESUS DIED SO WE COULD LIVE

1. Vs 28-30

a) "*It is finished*"

2. So much of our lives is wasted.

3. Jesus was focused on mission!!!

a) And now Mission accomplished.

CONCLUSION:

1. *1 Corinthians 15:17*