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The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:26-66

The Vivid Picture of the Unique Love of God

1 Cor 15:3 ...Christ died for [the forgiveness of] our sins...

1 Peter 2:9 ...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him Who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light...

- The glory of God's kind of love in the Father's love in sending the Son and the Son's love in being sent [John 5:36].

Romans 5:5 God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

John 13:34 ...love one another: just as [in the same way] I have loved you...

Jesus' crucifixion was God's eternal plan for His glory

Acts 2:23 ...the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God...

The crucifixion was God's necessary plan for the fulfillment of His creation purpose after the fall

Acts 17:3 ...it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead...

The cross was Jesus' will in keeping with the Father's will

Matt 20:28 ...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many...

John 10:17 ...I lay down My life...

Matt 26:53-54 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

The cross prophesied

Deut. 21:23 ...anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse...

Ps 34:20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken

Ps 22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint...

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Matthew 27:31 *And when [the soldiers] had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.*

Luke 23:26 *And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. 27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. 28 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" 32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. Luke 23: 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; 36 then they sat down and kept watch over him there. 37 And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews."*

John 19:23 *When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; 24 so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfil the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." 25 So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

Mark 15:29 *And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.*

Luke 23:35 *And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, 37and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"*

Luke 23:39 *One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." 44It was now about the sixth hour, [noon] and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, [3 PM]45 while the sun's light failed.*

Mark 15:34 *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "E'lo-I, E'lo-I, la'ma sabachtha'ni?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" [Ps. 22:1] 35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." 36 And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."*

John 19:28 *After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." 29A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. 30When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Luke 23:46 *Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.*

Matthew 27:51 *And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; 52 the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"*

Luke 23:48 *And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. 49And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things. 50 Now there was a man named Joseph from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, 51who had not consented to their purpose and deed,*

and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

John 19:31 *Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; 33 but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness--his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth--that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." 37And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced." [Zach. 12:10]*

Mark 15:44 *And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. 45 And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. John 19: 39 Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. 40They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.*

Matthew 27:60 *and laid it in his own (Joseph of Aramethea) new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. 61Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.*

Luke 23:54 *It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. 55The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid; 56 then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.*

Matthew 27:62 *Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' 64Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." 65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." 66So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.*