



“Lead Me To Calvary”

Mark 15:22-41



Introduction

- The world considers the cross to be folly
- Early ridicule of Christ (Alexamenos)
- The cross reveals God's true purpose



I. The Setting of Calvary(22-28)

- Golgotha = Place of the Skull
- Outside the city
- Fulfillment of OT imagery (curse-Deut 21:22-23, sacrifice-Numbers 15:35)
- Led by Roman Centurions (4 trained executioners responsible for Jesus' death)

Details of Crucifixion

- Time: Third hour (9 AM)
- Between 2 criminals (Isaiah 53:12)
- Charge: "King of the Jews"
- Garments divided (Psalm 22)

The Cup of Suffering

- Wine with myrrh He refused
- No relief from suffering
- Jesus drank God's wrath fully

II. The Scorn of Calvary (29-32)

- Mocked by all people
- Religious rejection
- Even criminals insulted Him
- Total human depravity
- Unbelief persists despite evidence
- Hearts hardened apart from grace

III. The Satisfaction of Calvary (33-37)

- Darkness from noon to 3 PM
- Darkness = God's judgment (Joel 2:1-2, Amos 5:20, Zeph 1:14-15)
- 'Why have You forsaken Me?'
- Wrath poured on the Son
- Substitutionary atonement (1 Peter 2:24)

Meaning of the Cross

- Jesus bore our sin
- God's justice satisfied
- Penalty of our sin imputed to Christ

Scripture – John 19:30 (NASB)

- 'It is finished'-τετέλεσται (Tetelestai)
- Work completed
- Debt paid in full

Results of the Cross

- Atonement accomplished
- Law fulfilled
- Wrath satisfied
- Salvation secured

IV. Survey of Witnesses to Calvary (38-41)

A. The Tearing of the Temple Veil: Access to God

B. The Thief who is granted eternal life: Grace displayed

C. A Hardened Executioner is given spiritual life: Confession

D. The Womanly witnesses: faithful partners in ministry and witnesses

The Saved Thief

- Conviction of sin
- Recognition of Christ
- Faith rewarded with salvation

The Centurion

- Witnessed Jesus' death
- Confessed Him as Son of God
- Evidence of divine power

Gospel Call

- Believe in Christ
- Turn from sin
- Receive eternal life