

Introd:- (1). There is a fearful, wonderful, awful, glorious, inexplicable, unfathomable fascination about the CROSS OF JESUS. Even today it is awesome and soul-stirring exper. to stand on very ground where Cross stood..or near that empty tomb in garden below..too deep for human language. 1900 yrs. ago a great crowd gathered at that CROSS..Jews, Gentiles, rich, poor, captains, soldiers, governors, Pharisees, religionists, thieves, a mob of saints and sinners.. TO WATCH JESUS DIE. The human race all represented there. SOMEONE just like you, me..came to see that fearful spectacle..to see GOD'S SON, dying bet. 2 thieves. Whole world looked on as greatest event of human history took place.

(2). Was it greatest? Under Roman rule thousands died by crucifixion. "But X was a good man"..Others too, in sight of men.."But X great Teacher"..Others were also. Yet today millions of hearts give thanks to God for the Cross of X,,and for what Calvary means. Why? Why does this one Cross hold a supreme attraction for all men? Why world still gather to contemplate this shameful Roman gibbet..emblem of criminal execution?

I. Let me suggest three mighty reasons behind all this.

...3 reasons that make death of the man X Jesus a death that none other ever experienced, nor ever will.

(a). That death was planned long before He was born into this world..bef. Adam created..bef. elements of earth put together by God..Hear it! Rev.13:8. In that unthinkable beginning God appointed a day and hour for this scene enacted on Calvary's hill..So Jesus prayed..John 17:1.

(b). In second place Calvary diff. from all other death scenes bec. of the ONE who died there. Who was this Man of Calvary? Whence did He come? What does this mean that we read of His birth..that it was sung about by angelic choirs..heralded by a flaming star in the heavens? What does this mean that He was born of a pure virgin named Mary? What strange story is this of wise men coming from the east to worship Him..this little child? THE ONLY ANS. is this in John 1:1, 14. WAS THIS ONE GOD INDEED..IN FLESH? Illus:- Argument..X'n & agnostic..Dutchman.."Bel. Bible? Bel this? II Cor. 8:9.."When was Jesus X rich? Born into poor family..laid in borrowed manger..nowhere to lay head..preached from borrowed boat..about borrowed penny..died on borrowed cross..laid in borrowed tomb. When rich?" Just one answer..c/f Picture of X at portals of heaven.."Out of the Ivory Palaces." He came from heaven..God the Son.

(c). Thirds, This death on Calvary meant more than any

has. Why did God the Son come thus to die? Rom. 5:6-8. His blood was shed to pay the price for my sins..yours.. To buy us back to God..Isa. 53:5-6.."He was wounded...."

II. And so the world gathered at Calvary..still does..tonig

(a). Look around at them. What were their hearts like? What are hearts of people like today when confronted with this fearful and wonderful scene? If X were crucified publicly in your town..city..WHERE WOULD YOU BE STANDING? WHAT BE THINKING? What your place around Cross of Jesus?

(b). I can almost guarantee that most of you people here tonight are Christians..in fullest, truest sense of word. Fully trusting in this Christ. Born again..Forgiven.

WHERE WOULD YOU STAND? Three groups of believers stood at the Cross of Jesus. In which would you be found?

1. Simon Peter was there! Yes, he was..I Pet. 5:1. Where was he? Peter the backslider was there..somewhere..Beaten, ashamed, disconcolate..Denied His Lord..cursed and swore never knew Him..Then went outside judgment hall and wept bitterly.."Washed up..finished"..Yet somewhere out in that crowd..in shadows..afraid to meet again eye of dying Saviour Utterly ashamed..as ev. backslider will be at judgm. Seat..

How long did he weep? How long tears on cheeks? Peter FAILED HIS LORD..YOU IN PETER'S PLACE? Failed God..denied Saviour by lip or LIFE? Until wonder if X still loves you at all? Listen:- Lovingly..still loving Peter..our wonder! Lord bid him back..AND PETER CAME. What about you?

2. Joseph of Arimathea was there. John 19:38. A secret disciple..SAVED BUT SILENT! Prob. stood at some distance from Cross..not too close..Close enough just to believe. Yet his own heart must have smitten him that day.."Joseph, you're a coward..afraid to own allegiance to Jesus. There he dies for you..and you never told a soul about Him". Did~~x~~ not vote "Yes" on Sanhedrin for cruc. of Jesus..nor did he vote "No"..Abstained..kept his secret..covered it up.

Anyone here in Joseph's place at Cross of Jesus. LISTEN AG Joseph at last stirred up spirit..went boldly to Pilate.. begged body of Lord. STOOD OUT AS A MAN OUGHT TO STAND. YOU? Witnessing X'n..unashamed? Or deadhead..stowaway out of sight, on Gospel ship? Where? Isn't it time to come out and out for X? Testing times coming! SOON!

3. Thank God..some Inner Circle X'ns at Cross of Jesus. Up close..within call..John 19:25-27. ONE MAN..a few women..near the cross. Faithful. John..a cheer to heart of the Saviour..With Him thru trial..and up Calvary's hill Where rest? Where hundreds..thousands He fed? Only John or the 12/ YOU THERE? Within call for task? Dedicated?

Narrowed down to life given to God? Ready to pray.. witness..go..give..find someone who needs X..point them to Saviour? His bond-slave..like Paul? Willing break alabaster box of life at Jesus' feet? GOD STIR US ALL!

III. But look again..there was great crowd of unbel. at Cro (a). No doubt majority..as today. Again I see 3 groups.

1. Pharisees were there..priests..formalized clergy.. Matt. 27:41-43. Man doesn't have to stand in pulpit to be one of these people. He may sit in pew..comfortable pew. Pharisees rep. unconverted church members of all kinds. Full of RELIGION..but unsaved. Good men by human standards ..but here is what we read in Titus 3:5. Not "by joining church..praying..giving..communion..baptism"..but by an act of God. It takes THAT to save any man..woman.

These at cross hated God the Son in midst of all religion. LOST MEN. Must be fearful for drunkard, harlot, blas- phemer to go to hell..but what for THESE..respectable, per. from choir or pulpit..te HELL? May Spirit of God search...

2. Pilate was there. John 19:22. Strangely drawn there. We would expect to hear that he retired from judg. hall.. knowing he had condemned an innocent man..shut doors of palace..hid away. Yet he went to Cross..that magnet that draws all men. Pilate..kept his political job..for a while..kept some friends..but damned his own soul..LOST! Ended life in exile..prob. as suicide. Lost ev'thing he had on earth..and then heaven as well.

God forbid you like him..Some do it. Refuse to come to X bec. afraid lose friends..position. Finally lost ev'thing.

3. THE MOB was there. Frenzied..shrieking for blood..swept away by wild lusts of human heart..as mob does today. Common people..hardly knowing what all about. Soldiers.. all following their leaders to destruction..Matt. 27:20.

Foll. the crowd. How many today follow the crowd..to hell. It spoke to some there.."You..you there..You were at Galile

..one of that 5,000 crowd Jesus mirac. fed..You ate of His bread. What against Jesus?" "Well, nothing..I don't know

..but leaders say He's a blasphemer..and all this crowd can't be wrong..Let me alone..I will shout with rest.."CRUCI HIM"! Illus:- Boy of 18 in jail..Service.."I will".

"Wait..too easy. When go back to cells..other men will laugh..scoff." "Let them laugh. Foll'd crowd long enough. Laughed me into jail. I won't follow them to hell."

WHERE ARE YOU? IN THAT CROWD? GOD FORBID!

Conclus:- 1. Not quite finished. Look again! At one other man. In blaspheming crowd at start..Lke 23:39-43 (Read).

Thank God for such as he! SAVED..INSTANTLY! Not by  
works..too late. Gifts..no money..no pockets.  
Never lift hand for God..or walk a step for Him..hands and  
feet nailed fast..YET HE WENT TO PARADISE..not to hell.  
Trusted implicitly the WORD OF THE SAVIOUR.

2. He shows us the way to God. Do you go that way? There  
is no~~x~~ other. What place YOU take at Cross of Jesus X/  
Long ago..I took my place with this thief. I covet no  
other. As a sinner..and called upon the Saviour for MERCY  
,,PARDON. What do you say? "LORD REMEMBER ME."

Illus:- "Jimmie"..Too weak to talk. "Jimmie, lift your  
hand to Jesus..He will see...understand".

MOVE TOWARDS JESUS X..HE WILL COME AT ONCE TO MEET YOU.  
Blood shed on that Cross to pay full, complete price of  
all your sin. Illus:- Inarticulate man..squeeze of hand.

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Rev. 13:8. "The Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

John 17:1. These words spake Jesus and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour is come"

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Read Luke 23:33-49. Mary - Aug 19/61 Delia - Nov 6/60

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just like you, me..came to see that spectacle..to see God's  
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Conclus:-. 1. Tonight we all stand somewhere at Cross of X. WHERE? Found place? Willing to stand there while dying Saviour looks at you? Satisfied all well...His approval? Illus:- Joe Weatherly.."I'm going to Hail".

10 ~~Shenes~~ to be shot. =



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(1). "The Crowd at the Cross". Whitehead Beach July 2/52

2. Joseph..Arim..John 19:38.. Secret disciple..  
Saved but silent..c/f at a distance.."Joseph,  
your'e a coward..afraid to own..He dies for you..  
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Instantly! Not by works, gifts..c/f hands, feet  
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Lk 23 33-35 - *careful word. careful phrase*  
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