

The Saviour – Crucified

This week – We learn of the Lord being crucified, freely giving Himself as a sacrifice to save us.

**The prophet Isaiah wrote about the Lord Jesus:
 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
 turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD
 hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all”** Isaiah 53v6.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 27v32-44 (The Lord Jesus is crucified)	
Monday	Matthew 27v45-60 (Truly this was the Son of God)	
Tuesday	Isaiah 53 (All we like sheep have gone astray)	
Wednesday	Psalm 22v1-19 ('My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?')	
Thursday	Psalm 34 (Not one of His bones shall be broken)	
Friday	Luke 23v32-47 (The dying thief, 'Lord remember me')	
Saturday	John 19v28-47 (The Lord said, 'It is finished')	

Important Lesson for us Today: What do we need to be reconciled to God?

As descendants of fallen Adam we inherit his original sin of rebellion and unbelief. As unbelievers we live carnal (worldly) lives and are enemies of God, and at enmity (war) with Him. **Romans 8v7.** Our sin forms a great gulf, a wall of partition, between us and our God. This could only be bridged by the Saviour when He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. It is only by faith in the Saviour's death that we can be reconciled to God. **'But now in Christ Jesus ye who ... were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace..., and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in His flesh the enmity ...; for to make in Himself ... one new man, so making peace; And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby'.** Ephesians 2v12-16.

Hymn 257 - the free salvation provided for sinners when the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross:

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| 1. Awake, my soul, and rise
Amazed, and yonder see,
How hangs the mighty Saviour God,
Upon a cursèd tree!

4. Here free salvation reigns,
And carries all before,
And this shall for the guilty race
Be refuge evermore. | 2. How gloriously fulfilled
Is that most ancient plan,
Contrived in the eternal Mind
Before the world began!

5. Now hell in all her strength,
Her rage and boasted sway,
Can never snatch a wandering sheep
From Jesus' arms away. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Saviour Crucified – Why Did He Die?

- **The Lord's Painful Journey to Golgotha, The Cross of Calvary.**
 - **Falsely condemned** – allowing Himself to be beaten, mocked, spat upon.
 - **Simon of Cyrene** - ordered to carry His cross, as the Lord was too weak.
 - **'Taken outside the camp'**, to Calvary, outside Jerusalem. **Leviticus 4v12.**
 - **Nailed to the 'accursed tree'**, condemned by God. **Deuteronomy 21v23.**
 - **3 Crosses** – the centre one bearing the inscription, **'Jesus The King of The Jews'**.
 - **The Saviour was scorned** by the Religious Leaders for His weakness, **yet** He was dying to release millions of sinners from the just eternal punishment for their sin.
 - **Darkness** came over the land for 3 hours to hide the immense agonies of the Saviour, as God the Father heaped upon Him the eternal punishment for His People's sin.
 - **His separation from The Father.** He suffered the feeling of total abandonment, and loneliness as He bore away our sin. The suffering an unforgiven sinner will experience away from God, in Hell. He suffered what we deserve in order to save us from it.
 - **The Lord's final cry on the cross, "It is finished"**. He was satisfied that He had fully taken our punishment; the work He came to do; and so, He gave up His life.

An amazing transaction. God's holy eternal wrath for our sin, appeased on Calvary!

- **4 Reasons Why the Lord Jesus Died on the Cross: -**
 - 1. Because He loved us so much**, even though we are guilty, vile sinners.
It was for the joy set before Him of saving His People that He endured the suffering.
 - 2. To pay the price of the guilt of our sin.** The wages of sin is eternal death.
The sin guilt of every repentant believer was fully satisfied by His death.
 - 3. To unlock the gates of Heaven** - we may enter, forgiven, without our sin.
Only He can reconcile us to God The Father, bringing us to peace with God.
 - 4. To make us fit for Heaven** – Presenting us as clothed in His Righteousness.
Heaven is a holy place. We cannot enter without the guilt of our sin being removed.
- **The Lord Jesus Did Exactly What was Intended by God the Father.**
 - He suffered greatly – taking upon Himself the full punishment for our sin. Only the Saviour, a perfect man, could be our substitute and die in our place.
 - The Sun was darkened for 3 hours to hide His agony. But God saw it.
 - He cried out, **"It is finished"**. He had voluntarily paid the price in full. His death fully satisfied God's holy justice that sin should be eternally punished.
 - The Roman Centurion believed and said, **"Truely, this was the Son of God."**
What do you say? Do you acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, God The Son, died on the cross of Calvary to save you? To reconcile you to God?

Paul wrote, **"Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."** Romans 5vs9,10