



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 19:17-30
From Sermon 5.11.25

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Overview from Sunday's sermon: Calvary's cross is a rich, yet challenging topic of biblical study. On the one hand is the dramatic narrative of events. On the other are the deep theological meaning and implications. Theologians have labeled the cross the apex of the redemptive story. It certainly reveals the supreme grace of God while, at the same time, exposing the utter depravity of man. We see God's plan.

1. Read each of these prophetic passages. Note and discuss what aspect of Christ's death they foretell.

- *Leviticus 16:27 & Hebrews 13:11-12*—Jesus was the sin scapegoat and suffered outside the city.
- *Isaiah 53:5-7*—He was no victim. Christ laid down His life voluntarily.
- *Genesis 22:7-8*—The patriarch, Isaac, is a foreshadow/type of Jesus. Only son, to die on same spot.
- *Numbers 21:8-9*—Previews the type of death Jesus would die and providing of life. See John 3:14
- *Psalms 22:14-18*—An incredible prophecy about crucifixion. It wouldn't even be used for 500 years.
- *Zechariah 12:10*—The Messiah is pierced but lives again.
- *Luke 2:34-35*—Mary's agony in watching her Son die.

2. What's so remarkable about Jesus dying by crucifixion? Discuss each.

- Not the Jewish method of execution (stoning).
- The Lamb had to bleed out (He did not die from asphyxiation).
- Since His death involved the Romans, the drama of the cross includes the Gentiles.
- Crucifixion wasn't even invented/introduced until centuries after the Psalm 22 prophecy.

3. Why did Pilate insist on writing "King of the Jews" on Jesus' inscription? It doesn't appear to be as much an insult to Jesus as it was to mock the Jewish leaders and the nation. See also *Mark 15:10*

4. What selfless act of love did Jesus make from the cross? Knowing Mary's agony and the days of grief and uncertainty she has ahead, Jesus commissions her to John's care.

Note: John never refers to himself by name. He is "the disciple that Jesus loved". John likely cared for Mary until Jesus' half-brothers come to Christ and have some discipleship. Two of those brothers will go on to write Scripture in the New Testament (James and Jude) and one of those to senior pastor the Church in Jerusalem (James).

5. What component of the cross most disturbs you? Various personal answers

5a. What component of the cross most comforts you? Various personal answers

6. From worship on Sundays to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, we are routinely called to remember the death of Christ (Good Friday to Easter) far more than His birth (Christmas). Why do you suppose that is? Various thoughts and answers. Didn't come to rule and reign, but to serve and die...this time.