

A Look At The Cross

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RESURRECTION SUNDAY MESSAGE

1 Corinthians 1:18 *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. We call today Resurrection Sunday. This is not the actual day that Jesus resurrected from the grave, but it is the time the Christian world has set aside to celebrate it.
- B. So, today we will be taking a look at the cross, because the cross is the centerpiece of the whole Christian idea, the focal point of all Christian doctrine, the crossroads that turns from the law to grace, and the crux of the whole matter of salvation.
- C. So many of our hymns reflect our focus on the cross. One song is called "One Day."

ONE DAY

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my Example is He!

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected:
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!

One day they left Him alone in the garden,
One day He rested, from suffering free;
Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil;
Hope of the hopeless, my Savior is He!

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then He arose, over death He had conquered;
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

*Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever;
One day He's coming—O glorious day!*

WHEN I SURVEY

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

1. Tell Me The Story of Jesus, He Could Have Called 10,000 Angels, At Calvary, At the Cross, etc.
2. We could sing forever of the cross of Christ.
3. Galatians 6:14 *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

II. WE MEET THE CROSS IN THE GARDEN

A. This is the Garden of Eden –

1. We first see the cross in the promise of Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*
2. Then we see the cross in the provision of clothing – Genesis 3:21 *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

B. This is where we first meet sin, and this is where the shadow of the cross of Jesus first becomes evident.

C. The animal had to die for God to make coats of skins to cloth Adam and Eve.

D. In that we see the dim shadow of the suffering of Jesus on the cross for our sins so that he could clothe us with his righteousness.

III. WE MEET THE CROSS IN THE SACRIFICE OF ABEL

A. Cain and Abel were brothers, as you know.

B. They were taught to give sacrifices to God for worship.

C. Cain brought the fruit of the ground as his offering, but God would not accept it, because there was no blood.

D. Abel brought the proper offering.

E. Genesis 4:4 says, *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

F. Abel's offering was the right one, because an animal was killed to give it, just as the animal was killed in the Garden of Eden to give coats to Adam and Eve.

G. On the cross, Jesus was killed in order to shed his blood for our sins.

IV. WE MEET THE CROSS IN NOAH'S ARK

