

The Place Called Calvary

Luke 23: 33

I have only read one verse this morning, but oh what a verse it is. Here we find the account of our precious Lord being led to the place called Calvary. This is the only time that we find reference to the word Calvary, but it is a place that stands monumental in the lives of believers. It was there that our Lord bled and died for the sins of the world, yours and mine included. It simply states: [there they crucified him](#). I want to take a few moments this morning to discover the eternal truths concerning: [The Place Called Calvary](#).

[Luke 23:33 – And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.](#)

I. A Place of Suffering – Imagine the torment that Jesus felt as they crucified Him there. The cross was an awful instrument of death. (Illus. the suffering of those on a cross.)

- This was no easy death. God judged the sins of humanity in His Son! [Mat.27:46 – And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?](#)

II. A Place of Shame – This was the holy Lamb of God, He who lived a sinless life. It was there that He was placed on the cross and mocked. He was despised and rejected. The people refused to believe that He was the Christ.

- It was there that the sin of the world was placed upon our Savior. He who knew no sin became sin that we might be forgiven. [2 Cor.5:21 – For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.](#)

- He had never sinned. He had never needed to ask for forgiveness, and yet He bore our sin so that we might be saved.

III. A Place of Sovereignty – Calvary wasn't some tragic mistake. He wasn't there at the hands of sinful men. Yes the crowd, the religious councils, and government had condemned Him to death, but they were not responsible for Calvary. He was there because this was the plan and will of God. Long before the dawn of time, God had a plan to redeem fallen man. That plan included His Son and the cross.

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II. A Place of Shame

III. A Place of Sovereignty

IV. A Place of Satisfaction – It was there that Jesus fully satisfied the righteous demands of God. When He cried, “**It is Finished**,” God the Father was satisfied. (Illus. *Tetelestai*)

- There would never need to be another sacrifice. Jesus paid it all and purchased our redemption!

V. A Place of Salvation (42-43) – **And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.** The thief begged for mercy and received the promise of Paradise that very day.

- Had there been no cross, there would be no salvation. It was His death that secured our salvation.
- All who have ever been saved have come by the way of the cross. All who ever hope to be saved will come by the cross. I thank God for the cross and His salvation.

VI. A Place of Separation (35-37; 39) – **And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. v.39 – And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.**

- The cross is a place of separation. It is the dividing line between heaven and hell. It is a place that all must identify with. If there is no cross in your life, there is no salvation. It was there that Jesus suffered and died for each of us.
- If you have not been to Calvary, you remain in your sin. There is no reason for anyone to die lost and suffer the judgment of God. Redemption was secured at Calvary. Have you been to Calvary for that cleansing flow? You must decide in this life.

What does Calvary represent to you? Can you identify with it and the Savior who gave His life for you? If not please come to Jesus!