

Cross Carrying

SCS Elementary Chapel Mark 15:16-32
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What is the cross?

The cross is the place of great shame and pain (Mark 15:16-20, 23)

Roman citizens could not be crucified- they had rights!

Greeks thought the cross was foolishness (1 Cor 1:18-25).

Jews realized those on the cross were cursed (Gal 3:13).

Jesus was humiliated by Romans on the cross.

It hurt to go to the cross! It hurt to be crucified!

What is the cross?

The cross is the place of shame and social loss (Mark 15:29-33)

Jesus was mocked by Roman soldiers (16-20)

Jesus was mocked by criminals (Matt 27:44)

Jesus was mocked by the mob and passers-by (29-30)

Jesus was mocked by the religious (31-32)

A person with the cross had no social status: no one respected Him. Even the clothes given to mock Jesus were gambled away-24.

What is the cross?

The cross is the place of name and gain (Mark 15:25-26)

Jesus Christ was crucified, charged as “King of the Jews”

Jesus came to save His own (John 1). He died as King of the Jews; He rose to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

The cross bears the guilt for crime (Mark 15:27-28)

The cross was a place of punishment for the worst crimes.

Since Jesus never sinned- He was innocent- His death could pay for our sins! His shed blood was the price for our eternal lives!

Who Carries the Cross?

The Lord Jesus Christ actually had to carry the cross that He would die on. When His human strength gave out, Simon was forced to carry Jesus' cross (21-22).

Now, Jesus commands those who have believed in Him and received life from Him, to carry our crosses. We are to live for Him, obey Him, and be willing to suffer for doing right as Jesus did. Our suffering for doing right is suffering with Jesus (Colossians 1:24).