

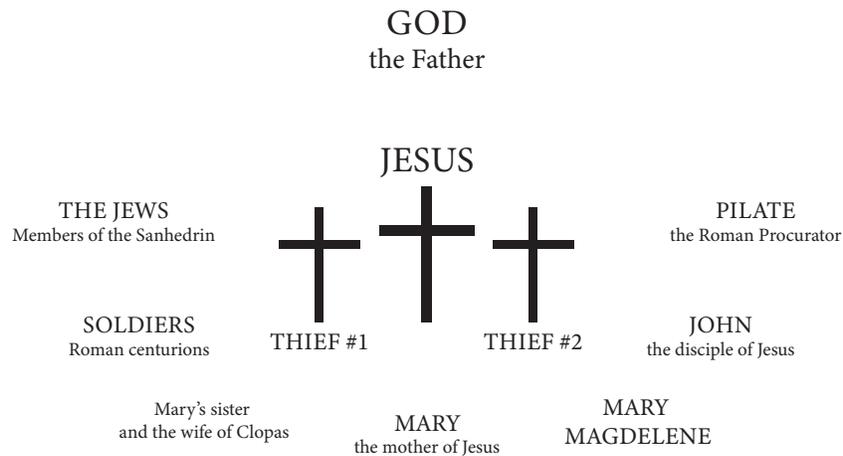
WEEK 10 HANDOUT – **The Son Crucified**

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*Key Verse: When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. – John 19:30 ESV*

- **The King's Coronation** – John 19:17-30
  - The set up
    - Pilate presented Jesus to the Jews as their king  
*"Behold your King!"* – 19:14
    - But the Jewish leaders claimed Caesar as their king  
*"We have no king but Caesar."* – 19:15
  - The scene
    - Jesus is taken to the place of crucifixion
    - He is hung on a cross between two criminals
    - Pilate has a placard placed above Jesus' head  
*"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."* – 19:19
    - The chief priests demand that it be altered  
*"Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"* – 19:21
    - But Pilate refuses their demand
    - The soldiers gamble over His garments
    - The women watch in mourning
    - Jesus places His mother into John's care
    - He expresses His thirst
    - He proclaimed, "It is finished" and then gave up His Spirit
  - The significance
    - There are two things going on here
      - All the activity taking place **around the cross**
        - The soldiers
        - The Sanhedrin
        - John
        - The two thieves
        - The four women
        - Pilate

- And the action taking place **on the cross**
- John is explaining things from his unique vantage point



- But this entire scene is pre-ordained by God
  - Everything is happening according to plan
  - Even the actions of all those involved
  - John repeatedly refers to Scripture being fulfilled

*This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things... – vs 24*

*...they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. – Psalm 22:18 ESV*

*After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. – vs 28*

*...for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink. – Psalm 69:21 ESV*

*For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." – vs 36*

*...and you shall not break any of its bones. – Exodus 12:46 ESV*

*He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. – Psalm 34:20 ESV*

- John is simply sharing what he saw
 

*This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. – John 21:24 ESV*

  - But John's vision is limited

He can see Pilate second-guessing  
 ...the high priests gloating  
 ...the soldiers gambling  
 ...and Mary grieving

- At this point, he can't see what God is doing  
 But he will write about it later

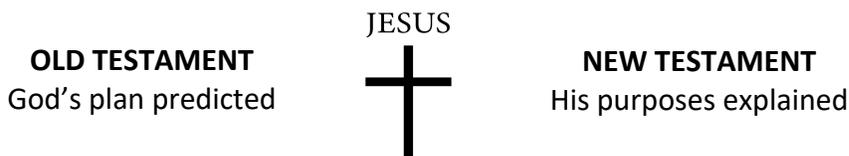
*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the **propitiation for our sins**.* – 1 John 4:9-10 ESV

And the apostle Paul would provide further insight

*The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And **in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us** by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.* – Romans 8:3 NLT

- There were invisible forces at work
- John was unable to describe what he couldn't see
- But he would later come to appreciate it  
*By this we know love, that he laid down his life us...* – 1 John 3:16 ESV

- **A change in perspective**
  - We tend to focus on what was done **to** Jesus
  - Instead of what God did for us **through** Jesus



- **What happened on the cross?**  
*Surely he has **borne our griefs**  
 and **carried our sorrows**;  
 yet we esteemed him **stricken**,  
**smitten by God**, and **afflicted**.*  
<sup>5</sup>*But he was **pierced for our transgressions**;  
 he was **crushed for our iniquities**;  
 upon him was the chastisement that **brought us peace**,  
 and with his wounds **we are healed**.* – Isaiah 53:6 ESV

- All that was done **to Jesus** was done **for our benefit**

- Mankind had a terminal condition

*Once **you were dead** because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. – Ephesians 2:1-2 NLT*

***You were dead** because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. – Colossians 2:13-14 NLT*

*...at one time **you were darkness**... – Ephesians 5:8 ESV*

*Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. **Some of you were once like that.** – 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NLT*

- But Jesus was “lifted up”

*...**he shall be high and lifted up**, and shall be exalted. – Isaiah 53:13 ESV*

*And I, **when I am lifted up** from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. – John 12:32 ESV*

- Jesus’ death was the objective all along
  - ...though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.** – Philippians 2:6-8 ESV*

- What did Jesus’ death accomplish?

1. Propitiation

- Sin is an affront to the holiness of God
- His justice demands that He punish sin
- So, on the cross, Jesus bore God’s wrath against sin by taking our sins upon Himself

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree... – 1 Peter 2:24 ESV*

*God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us... – 2 Corinthians 5:21 NET*

- In doing so, He fully **satisfied** God’s just judgment

*He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. – 1 John 2:2 NASB*

## 2. Reconciliation

*Katalasso* – to return to favor, to to be reconciled

*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, since we have been reconciled, will we be saved by his life? – Romans 5:10 NET*

*Though you once were far away from God, now you have been brought near to him because of the blood of Christ. – Ephesians 2:13 NLT*

- Sinful men can be restored to a right relationship with God
- Jesus is the agent of reconciliation

*...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself... – 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ESV*

## 3. Redemption

- Deals specifically with the problem of man's sin  
*lytroō* – it means liberation because of a payment made; to be purchased out of the marketplace; to be bought off the slave block
- God paid the price to redeem men from slavery to sin

*God purchased you at a high price. – 1 Corinthians 7:23 NLT*

*...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. – 1 Peter 2:18-19 ESV*

## 4. Substitution

- Deals with the specific penalty that needed to be paid: death
- Jesus served as our sinless substitute

*But God proves His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8 ESV*

- He died in our place and on our behalf

## 5. Expiation

- Jesus paid man's penalty for sin, but what about man's sinful state?
- Expiation means "to cover sin or cleanse sin"

- Jesus not only pays the penalty but removes the guilt or fear of condemnation

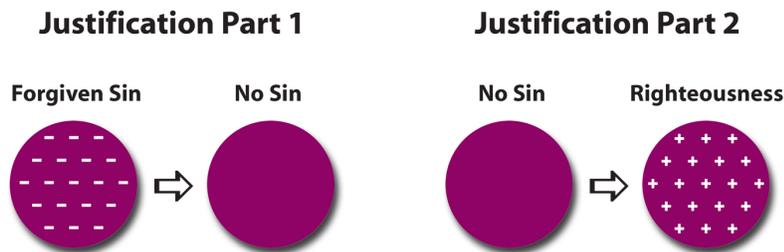
*...now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. – Romans 8:1 NLT*

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **by canceling the record of debt that stood against us** with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. – Colossians 2:13-14 ESV*

## 6. Justification

- This is the best one yet
- Not only are we no longer sinful and guilty, we are declared righteous by God
- Being acceptable to God involves more than just the removal of our sins
- We would still have a righteousness deficit

*“...unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5:20 ESV*



## 7. Imputation

- We are imputed the righteousness of Christ
- Definition: the reckoning or “charging to the account” of one what properly belongs to the account of another
- Our sin was credited to Jesus’ account
- God credits Jesus’ righteousness to our account

*God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. – 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV*

### For Further Discussion

- Which one of these amazing doctrines resonates with you the most, and why?
- It is easy to view Jesus’ death like any other bystander, seeing only what is happening to Him, while missing all that was being done for us. Why is it so important to recognize and appreciate all that He accomplished?