

Good News of the Cross

God's Good News Series

The Curse of Being Hung on a Tree

"If someone has committed a crime worthy of death and is executed and hung on a tree the body must not remain hanging from the tree overnight. You must bury the body that same day, for anyone who is hung is cursed in the sight of God."

Deuteronomy 21:22, 23

Death on a Cross

- Horrible
- Painful
- Public
- Slow

Take Up Your Cross

"The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?"

If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels. I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God."

Luke 9:22-27 (NLT2)

The Covenant

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."

And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many.

Mark 14:22-24 (NLT2)

They Crucified Jesus

Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. A sign was fastened to the cross, announcing the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews."

Mark 15:24-26 (NLT2)

Jesus Died

When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:33-39 (NLT2)

Your Sins

His Body

His Cross

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls. 1 Peter 2:24-25 (NLT2)

Good News

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. -Jesus, John 5:24 (NLT2)

PS Listen and believe in God who sent Jesus. No manipulation, no begging for a response, no coercion for someone to come to the altar, none of the many things often included in getting people to Christ. It is a privilege to know God. He needs no human-designed clever marketing approaches to sell relationship with him. Listen and believe.