

SERMON OUTLINE John 19:31-37

Saved through the Death of Jesus

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Facts About Jesus (35)

Explained through Irony (31)

Defended through Prophecy (32-37)

THE NATURE OF THE SAVING THAT COMES THROUGH BELIEF

Election – God's choice of people to save (John 6:35-37, 10:26-28, 15:16, 17:12, Acts 13:48; Rom 9:11-13; Eph 1:4-6; 1 Thess. 1:4-5)

Hearing the Gospel – Receiving the message of the gospel (John 20:31, Rom 8:30; 1 Pet 2:9; 1 Cor 1:9; 1 Thes 2:12)

Regeneration – Being made spiritually alive/born again (John 1:12-13, 3:1-8, 6:44, 8:47; 1 Pet 1:3; Acts 16:14)

Conversion – Responding in faith and repentance (John 1:12, 3:16, 6:37, 7:37, Matt 11:28-30)

Justification – Declared not-guilty (John 3:15, 16, 36; 5:24; 6:35, 40, 47; 11:25; 20:31 Rom 3:26-28; 5:1; 8:30; Gal 2:16)

Adoption – Brought into God's family (John 1:12; Rom 8:14-17; 9:7-8; Gal 3:23-26; 4:28)

Sanctification – Growing in holiness (John 17:17, 15:5; Titus 3:5; 1 John 3:9; Rom 6:11, 14, 18; Col 3:10; Heb 12:23)

Perseverance – God keeping us faithful to Himself (John 6:38-40; 10:27-29; Rom 8:30; Eph 1:13-14; Phil 1:6)

Death – Final sanctification of our souls (John 14:1-3; Rom 8:17; Phil 3:10; 1 Pet 2:21, 4:3)

Glorification – Final sanctification of our bodies (John 5:25-29, 6:38-40; 1 Cor 15:12-58; 1 Thess 4:14-17; Rom 8:19-23)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that Jesus was willingly, lovingly, graciously crucified for the sins of the world and by believing in Him we will be saved. John explained this through irony and defended it through prophecy. The main takeaway is to believe in Jesus and live in the whole of the salvation that it brings.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What do you make of John's pattern of stating facts about Jesus and then explaining them through irony and defending them through prophecy? Had you noticed that pattern? Can you name any specific ways it has helped you understand and believe?
3. Are there any facts in John that are hard for you to believe? If so, what do you do when you come across them?
4. What areas of your life would an outside observer find to be ironic in light of your profession of faith in Jesus?
5. Which of the prophecies fulfilled by Jesus in His crucifixion is most helpful in convincing you of its truthfulness? Can you think of anything that would be more convincing to you than fulfilled prophecies?
6. Prior to hearing the sermon this week, how would you have answered the question, "What does it mean to be saved"? How would you answer it differently now?
7. Which aspect of salvation do you find most convicting, confusing, encouraging, difficult to accept, foreign, and exciting?
8. Which aspect of salvation do you most wish were already true of you in a fuller way?
9. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Read the rest of John, chapters 19-21 and ask the Spirit to help you consider what it says and means with greater care.
11. Commit to a Bible reading plan so that you can take in all the facts revealed in the Bible, so that you can more fully believe.
12. Pick up or borrow a copy of [Handbook on the New Testament use of the Old Testament](#) and begin reading it for John.
13. Pick one of the ten aspects of salvation to study it more carefully and use Wayne Grudem's [Systematic Theology](#) as a guide.
14. Share the gospel with someone. Make a point to emphasize the fact that salvation is bigger than conversion and heaven.
15. Ask two different people in your family or DG one thing they got from this sermon and how you can pray for them in light of it.
16. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon and for someone to help.

PRAYER POINTS

17. Adoration. Praise Jesus that He is the true Sabbath and the unbroken Passover Lamb. Praise God that He caused Jesus to rise from the dead. Praise God that He is Truth. Praise God that He is gracious and merciful.
18. Confess. Confess any ways in which you doubt God, are too casual in your pursuit of Jesus, and are indifferent to His Word. Confess any ways you've believed untrue things about the salvation God offers or been ungrateful for it. Confess any times you've been reluctant to believe or share certain aspects of God's Word.
19. Thanksgiving. Thank God for sending Jesus to live a perfect life, die a sacrificial death, and then rise from the dead as the firstborn among many. Thank God for saving you (election to glorification) in Jesus. Thank God for "calling His shots" throughout history in order to strengthen the belief of His people.
20. Supplication. Ask God to bring the gospel to and regenerate someone you love. Ask God to help our church better understand the salvation purchased by Jesus on the cross in order that we might live more fully in light of it. Ask God to help us believe more fully the aspects of our salvation that are still to come. Ask God to make us more holy.