

WHY SHOULD A SINNER BE SAVED TODAY

THE CRUELTY OF THE CROSS

I CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

I. Introduction

- A. At the cross man did his worse, but God did his best.
- B. The cross is the central theme of the Bible
 - a) It is to the Bible what my heart is to me
 - b) It is to the Bible what an engine is to a car
- C. The Cross is why Jesus Came
 - 1. Matthew 5:17; Matthew 20:28; Luke 19:10; John 3:17; John 10:10; I Timothy 1:15
- D. The Cross is for everyone
 - 1. John 1:6-9; I John 2:2; John 3:16; Romans 10:13; 2 Peter 3:9; Isaiah 45:22; Isaiah 53:6; Titus 2:11; Hebrews 2:9; Revelation 22:17

II. The PLACE of the Cross

- A. Place of Revelation - Matthew 27:54
- B. Place of Supplication - Luke 23:42
- C. Place of Meditation - Matthew 27:36
- D. Place of Cooperation - John 19:25-27
- E. Place of Adoration - Revelation 5:7-14

III. The CAUSE of the Cross

- A. The predicament of Man - Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Galatians 3:22; James 2:10-11; Isaiah 64:6; Psalm 14:1-3
- B. The penalty of sin - Genesis 2:17; Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 3:23; Galatians 6:7-8
- C. The providence of God - Acts 2:22-23; Luke 22:22

IV. The CRUELTY of the Cross

- A. He was shackled - John 18:12
- B. He was sentenced - Mark 14:63-64
- C. He was stripped - Matthew 27:28
- D. He was smitten - John 19:3
- E. He was spit upon - Matthew 27:30
- F. He was scourged - Luke 18:33
- G. He was slain - 1 Corinthians 15:3; Mark 15:37

V. The CRIES from the Cross

- A. A forgiving cry - Luke 23:34
- B. A favoring cry - Luke 23:40-43
- C. A family cry - John 19:25-26
- D. A forsaking cry - Matthew 27:46
- E. A fervent cry - John 19:28; Psalm 32:3
- F. A finishing cry - John 19:30
- G. A farewell cry - Luke 23:46

VI. CONCLUSION

Because of the Cross

- Mercy is now available
- Mediator is established
- Met the demand of a Holy God