

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & Luke 23:26-43

Singing: 252 – 400: 1-5 – 290:4-7 – 255

THE JOY OF JESUS ON GOLGOTHA'S CROSS

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I. The occasion of His joy

A. Jesus' cross was the experience of shame by man & God: Luke 23:35-39, 44-45

B. Jesus' joy came when He witnessed the amazing change in 'the other' (40-42)

1. If joy in heaven over sinner repenting, will there be no joy in Lord of glory?

a. the reason the Physician Jesus came is to bring healing to sick!

2. Jesus' heart rejoiced as He listened to the sinner at His side

a. his defence of God rejoices Jesus' heart (40a)

b. his confession of sin rejoices Jesus' heart (40b)

c. his confession of Jesus' innocence rejoices His heart (41b)

3. Jesus' heart rejoiced as He saw him coming at His feet (42)

a. He rejoiced in His Father's sovereign grace at work (Luke 10:21)

b. He rejoiced in His Father's choice (1 Cor. 1:27-28)

c. He rejoiced in hearing the astounding confession (42a)

d. He rejoiced in hearing the humble petition (42b)

C. If you would approach Jesus in a similar way, you rejoice Him greatly!

D. Yet all this above was not Jesus' greatest joy: *it was His answer in vs. 43!*

II. The act giving Him joy

A. There are many things that gives joy to Jesus

1. But nothing gives Him greater joy than answering the humble plea of vs. 42

a. while all rejected and disowned him, Jesus accepted and assured him

2. But what did Jesus' answer really mean?

3. Yet His answer to the petition is not even His greatest glory! (Heb. 12:2)

B. What amazing & deep truth: *God delights in His glory of showing grace!*

Reflection: What is your answer to this message of His grace?

A. Be assured: *He is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever* (Heb. 13:8)

B. Consider His sorrow: *And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now are they hid from thine eyes. Luke 19:41-42*

C. Yet Hear His welcome: *Even unto you, who pierced Him, He calls.*

Unto you first
you who denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a *murderer to be*
granted unto you, and killed the Prince of *life, vs. 14-15)*
having raised up His Son Jesus,
sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his
iniquities (Acts 3:26)