

RESURRECTION SUNDAY PM
CHRIST'S BROKEN BODY AND SHED BLOOD
MATTHEW 27:22-54

The **BLOOD OF JESUS** is worthy of our focus because **HIS BLOOD THAT WAS SHED ON OUR BEHALF** was **NOT** just the **BLOOD** of just another spotless **LAMB!** All of the **SACRIFICIAL LAMBS** that had been offered in **FAITH** under the **LAW** and even before the **LAW** (*from the lamb slain by the **LORD GOD HIMSELF** in **Genesis 3:21** to provide a covering Adam and Eve all the way up until **CHRIST'S BLOOD WAS SHED***) were just **PICTURES** or **TYPES** of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

Contrary to the **FALSE TEACHINGS** of at least one popular preacher, **CHRIST'S DEATH** was **NOT** all that was needed to pay our **SIN DEBT!** Yes, **HE** had to **DIE** but **HIS BLOOD** also **HAD TO BE SHED!**
Hebrews 9:22—"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

*Revelation 1:5—"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.**"*

1 Corinthians 10:16—"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

Ephesians 2:13—"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

*Hebrews 9:14—"How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**"*

*Hebrews 10:19—"Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,**"*

*Hebrews 13:20—"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, **through the blood of the everlasting covenant.**"*

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*1 Peter 1:2—"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and **sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:** Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."*

1 Peter 1:18 says we weren't redeemed by silver or gold...**19 "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"**

*1 John 1:7—"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**"*

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CHRIST'S BLOOD was **GOD'S REQUIREMENT** to **PAY MAN'S SIN DEBT!** And there are 4 important places in **SCRIPTURE** where **HIS BLOOD** would come into play. Three of where it was obviously **SHED.**

1. **JESUS BLOOD WAS FOUND IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.**

Luke 22:44—"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

This phenomenon of "**bloody sweat**" under extreme emotional stress is recognized by medicine and is called *diapedesis*, or *the seeping of the blood through the vessels without rupture.*

2. **JESUS' BLOOD WAS SHED AS HE WAS SCOURGED BY PILATE'S SOLDIERS. (Matthew 27:26)**

John 19:1—"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him."

This was a **method of torture** the **ROMANS** used that was inflicted with an instrument called "**The cat of nine tails.**" (*A leather whip with nine strips of leather of which bone, metal or any other thing that would **rip the flesh** would be attached to the end of the strips.*)

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Psalms 129:3—"The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows."

Isaiah 50:6—"I gave my back to the smiters and my cheeks to them that plucked off my hair..."

3. **JESUS BLOOD WAS FURTHER SHED AS HE WAS MOCKED BY THE SOLDIERS PRIOR TO HIS CRUCIFIXION. (Matthew 27:26-31)**

The **CROWN OF THORNS** of the **SAVIOUR** was made of long thorns that were as sharp as ice picks.

The robing of the **SAVIOUR**, while it may have slowed down the **BLOOD FLOW** from the **SCOURGING** somewhat when it was put on **JESUS**, ripped open again the **WOUNDS HE** already had when it was removed from **HIM**.

4. **JESUS BLOOD WAS SHED ON GOLGOTHA ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY. (Matthew 27:32-36)**

I want to spend a few minutes talking about this last place where **JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD**.

Golgotha (Greek), *Calvary* (Latin), *the place of the skull* (the meaning of both). It is believed to have been a garbage heap that had the appearance of a skull when viewed from a distance.

It is there that **JESUS** paid the **SIN DEBT** for all of mankind. It is there where the **LORD OF GLORY SUFFERED AND DIED**. It is there that we see **MANKIND AT HIS WORST** and **GOD AT HIS BEST**.

It is there that **GOD** demonstrated **HIS LOVE FOR THE WORLD**, including those that **HATE HIM** and **DENY HIM!**

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It is there that the **PROPHECY** of *Genesis 3:15* that was given to the **SERPENT** that the **SEED OF THE WOMAN** would have **HIS HEEL BRUISED** by the **SERPENT** but the **SERPENT** would have **HIS HEAD BRUISED** by the **SEED** was **FULFILLED!**

Thank **GOD** for **CALVARY!**

As we read the various accounts of **CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION** in the **SCRIPTURE**, one of the things that we see are the various people that were there that day around the **CROSS** when **JESUS DIED!** Each one of them responded in some way to what they were seeing!

Some were involved in the process. (*Vs 27-36 the soldiers* and *Vs 54 mentions the centurion and they that were with him*)

Some passed by and commented *vs 39-40* mentions some *unnamed people* and *vs 41-43* mention *the chief priests, scribes, and elders*).

We even see the *thieves that were crucified with JESUS chime in vs 44*). We also know from other **GOSPEL** accounts that some of **JESUS' RELATIVES** and **FRIENDS** were there.

But understand that **everyone that saw CHRIST ON THE CROSS** some 2000 years ago **had some response to it though all of the responses are not recorded**.

The **CROSS** is not something that one can look at without it having some sort of an affect on them. In fact, it will affect you and you will develop some attitude toward the **CROSS** if you ever take a good look at it.

Paul speaks of some attitudes in *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*.

Prepare to observe the LORD's TABLE 1 Corinthians 11:23-31