

1. **Launcher: How well do you understand a crucifixion?**

2. **Worship God – Psalm 103:1-5**

Worship the LORD for His long-suffering patience and kindness, even when we are, by nature, objects of wrath. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His righteousness AND mercy.

3. **Sermon Reflection: “The Crucifixion of Jesus”**

The Act of Crucifixion

- What actually happens in a crucifixion, and in Jesus’ crucifixion in particular?
- What message was Rome intending to send through a crucifixion?
- What is the irony of Rome’s message compared to the actual message THIS crucifixion had? (Have someone read Genesis 50:20)

The Horror & The Meaning

- What did Jesus suffer, and why is that significant?
- Aside from the physical pain, what was the worst horror of the cross that Jesus endured?
- What does this work reveal about us, if this was the work that was necessary to recover us and atone for our crimes?

And The Unimaginable Impact

- What immediately happened as Jesus died? How did nature react? What happened and what does it symbolically reveal to us?
- What happens the longer you stare at Jesus’ crucifixion?
- Why is there endless joy and hope found in the honor of carrying our crosses on this side of eternity? What does Jesus’ cross absolutely solidify?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

- I. Worship the LORD for His long-suffering patience and kindness, even when we are, by nature, objects of wrath. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His righteousness AND mercy.
- II. How have you lived, minimizing how badly your sin offends your Maker, while insisting that those who offend you should pay for their wrongs? Confess your pride and inconsistency to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart.
- III. Give thanks to Jesus for joyfully following His Father’s mission of forgiveness. Thank Him for giving Himself in our place to remove the wrath we deserve; and for opening to us access to His Father now in redemption.
- IV. Who do you know that underestimates the impact of their selfishness and pride? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see their own wrath-deserving record and that Jesus came to show mercy even to people like them.
- V. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of love, peace, and kindness. Read Psalm 103:8-12. Rejoice in what the LORD has removed from you, so that you can put away wrath, to live instead with a free and loving heart.

5. **Mission: Christ loved us with an incomprehensible excess of love, so as Christians we are on mission to also walk in love by the power of the Spirit as a result of the overflow that we have received by the cross.**