

WHAT DOES CALVARY REALLY MEAN?

Scripture:

Galatians 6:14

Isaiah 53:5

Introduction

The word Calvary has had an almost mystical quality to humanity for almost 2,000 years. It has become synonymous with suffering, relief, forgiveness, and healing. Multitudes found new life at the foot of Calvary. Let us consider for a few moments what Calvary actually means.

I. Suffering, death, and resurrection

A. Three men were crucified

1. Two miserable, wretched specimens of humanity

- a. Thieves
- b. Detriments to society
- c. Society considered them as being worth more dead than alive

2. Son of God

B. Christ's suffering and death

1. Began in the garden in prayer

- a. In soul's anguish
- b. Choice made to go all the way to Calvary

- c. And being in agony he prayed earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Luke 22:44

2. Continued at the mockery of a trial

Then they did spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands....

Matthew 26:67

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- I. Suffering, death and resurrection
 - B. Christ's suffering and death
 3. In the common hall of Pilate
 - a. Spat upon
 - b. Smitten with a reed
 - c. Whipped, or flailed with cat of nine tails
 - d. Crown of thorns plaited and placed on his head
 4. In the Via Dolorosa
 - a. Compelled to bear his own cross
 - b. Falls under his own cross
 5. On Calvary
 - a. Crucified
 - b. Made to die with thieves
 - c. Suffered public indignity
 1. Mocked and taunted
 2. Made a spectacle

And the people stood beholding.

Luke 23:35

6. d. Forsaken by the Father

My God, my God, why hast thou
forsaken me?

Matthew 27:46

6. Died of a broken heart

II. Calvary's benefits

A. Salvation

If we confess our sins, he is faithful
and just to forgive us our sins, and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth
the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine
heart that God hath raised him from the
dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:9

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B. Peace

1. The chastisement of our peace was upon him...

Isaiah 53:5

2. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

C. Healing

1. With his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

2. Lame man at the Gate Beautiful

3. Scriptural formula

a. Call for the elders of the church

b. Anoint with oil

c. Pray prayer of faith

d. The lord will raise them up

D. Resurrection hope

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

I Corinthians 15:19-20

Because I live, ye shall live also.

John 14:19