

Meadowbrook Baptist Church

102 North Park Drive

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10:00 AM

Coffee , Coke and Brunch Time

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Our Greatest Need When Jesus first comes to us He does not just talk about the nice things we have done, but also about the mean and selfish things we have done; not just about the good books we have read, but about the dirty books we have read; not just about the people we have helped but about the people we have hurt and the many people we have failed to help.

Most of us can easily recall all the phone calls and cards we didn't send to our parents; all the hungry people on earth we have ignored; and all the mistreated people for whom we did nothing to help them.

The question is, does God take such things seriously? If He is like Hugh Hefner, He says, "Party on!" If He is like grandparents, He says, "That's OK, you didn't mean to do it." But God, from day one in the Bible is a God who requires obedience to His laws and moral, loving living and takes disobedience seriously.

Romans 2

"God will reward each of us for what we have done. He will give eternal life to everyone who has patiently done what is good ...But He will show how He is angry with every selfish person who rejects the truth and wants to do evil."

The Cross

God in the Hands of Angry Sinners

THE PROCEDURE

It was a bright spring morning when the sad procession reached the place of execution. Because of its shape or because of its countless executions, where victims were left until the birds and animals were finished with them; it was called, "*the place of the skull*"- Calvary in the Latin; Golgotha in Aramaic (What 1st Century Jews spoke.)

Mark says Jesus was "**brought**" to Calvary. The term means "*to pick up*". It could be that Jesus had to be literally carried to His death. Simon dropped the cross beam and the four soldiers stripped Jesus of His clothes and laid them aside to divide among themselves. The Bible does not tell us Jesus was stripped but history records that the Romans did it to add shame to the pain.

Jesus was thrown down on His back and each arm tied securely to the beam. Then a huge spike was driven through each palm, not to hold the body on the cross but to add intense pain that drove victims mad.

The four of them lifted him up, probably only a few feet off the ground, and the beam was placed into a notch in the upright pole and fastened to it. Then his feet were crossed, placed where he could reach a little ledge to hold himself up to keep from suffocating; and a spike driven through them. Jesus was nailed to the cross.

Then the sign was nailed above his head that read: "*This is Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews.*" The Romans used several types of crosses, but since the sign was nailed above, the "T" shape is probably correct. All the while Jesus was praying, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."