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Reading: Matthew 27:29-54

Men in world will die and be forgotten.

A great man died 2000 years ago and is still relevant today.

This is what the Bible is all about.

Try and understand what is happening and why it is happening.

Crucifixion was not uncommon and emphasised that if you break the law, you are going to die.

v45 – 3 hours of supernatural darkness.

v51 – Veil that had separated sections of temple was rent in twain. An earthquake caused rocks to split.

v54 – Centurions had seen and done many horrific things. As a result of the events the centurion would realise “[This was the Son of God.](#)”

Why was the Son of God upon the cross? Why did He have to die?

Mat 20:28

He paid a ransom – Obtain release of a prisoner by making payment demanded.

Why must a ransom be paid?

Gen 3:1-7

God having created all things in 6 days and also Adam and Eve, placing them in the garden and placing 1 tree and saying don't touch.

God had said not to do something and He meant it.

The devil has twisted the words.

God had said what to do and pronounced judgment.

Gen 3:15- There will be a battle, one will be sent to whom the devil would be able to cause pain but ultimately the coming one would win the battle. The Lord Jesus was the coming one foretold.

Gen 3:21 – Blood had to be shed to cover the shame and the sin.

The man on the cross was the one who would pay the price for sin.

So does it apply to us?

Rom 5:12: “By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin”

Rom 3:23: “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”

Rom 3:10: “There is none righteous, no not one”

God has a standard that is permanent and unchanging. He has an absolute standard, does not judge

compared to others.

The only one who could meet that standard was the Lord Jesus. “[This is my Beloved in Whom I am well-pleased](#)” (Matt. 3:17)

Jesus had done nothing wrong. He was there for you and I.

“[I am the way, the truth and the life..](#)”(John 14:6). – He was the way back to God and gave life.

Sin has its consequences. There is a heaven, there is a hell. Works won't save but will condemn (Rev 20:12).

He paid the price for sin that I may not need to pay it myself.

John 11:25 – He bore sins at Calvary that we might have eternal life.

If Jesus had come down from the cross we would be bound for lost eternity. We could not pay the price. Only He could restore communion with God.

“[What think ye of Christ?](#)” (Mat 22:42) What do you think of what He did on Calvary?

All must answer, must either accept you are a sinner and because of the cross you can be forgiven all your sins or you can turn your back saying not for me.

You need a Saviour.

Cf Wiseman and Foolishman (Matt 7:24-27). One who built on rock could stand through the storm.

Who/What are you trusting tonight?