

RESURRECTION SUNDAY – 2022

“Despondency to Delight”

Luke 23: 39-49

John 20: 1-10

April 17, 2022

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS?

At the Cross, Jesus became legally guilty for my sin
(substitutionary atonement)

At the Cross, Christ suffered and paid the price for
my sin debt – *it's personal!*

At the Cross, those who believe and receive the gift
of salvation are born again – John 3: 7

At the Cross, *GOD'S WRATH HAS BEEN SATISFIED –
this is a big deal!!*

Jesus was not silent on the Cross

We have much to learn about the heart of Jesus from His cries from the Cross:

Cry #1 - *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”* - Luke 23: 34

Jesus prayed that the seemingly unforgiveable would be forgiven
(*Jesus' torturers*)


Forgiveness is the Jesus way!

Forgiveness **free**s a person from the torturers

Forgiveness **does not mean** that some wrong is okay, ignored, or minimized

Forgiveness = *“I will choose not to be overwhelmed with bitterness for the rest of my life”*

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE!



Jesus said,
“Father, forgive them,
for they know not
what they do.”

Luke 23:34

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

Cry #2 - ***“Today you will be with Me in paradise”*** Luke 23:43

Jesus dies between two criminals, two reprobates,
as prophesied - Isaiah 53: 12

Matthew records that both criminals mocked Jesus
at the beginning

As the day dragged on, one criminal's conscience
was pierced

One criminal went from a skeptic mocker to a
believer; a last second, last chance believer

Never give up! There is hope for anyone to turn
and live - ***right up until the end!***

What about the thief on the cross?

Luke 23:39-43



Today you will be with Me in Paradise!

Cry #3 – *“Woman, behold your son! Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!”*
John 19: 26-27

Jesus, so compassionate, and so caring, passed off the care of His mother to John, a trusted friend

What an example of being other focused!

We have much to learn from the Master!

**WOMAN,
BEHOLD THY
SON! ...
BEHOLD THY
MOTHER!**

- JOHN 19:26-27



Cry #4 – “*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*” - Matthew 27: 46

From 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. there was darkness over all the land

Why the darkness?

The Son of God was dying for the sins of the world

Jesus is experiencing a break in fellowship, not relationship, with the God Head

Sin breaks *fellowship* with God, not *relationship*
(for believers only)

Jesus feels alone; He is dying, *abandoned by even His Father and the Holy Spirit!*

Darkness represents judgment

At this point, Jesus became *legally guilty* for our sin

GOOD NEWS:

The blood of Christ has cleansed the believer from all sin – 1 John 1:7

GOOD NEWS:

God views the *believer* as He views His Son – *clean, pure, holy, and righteous!*

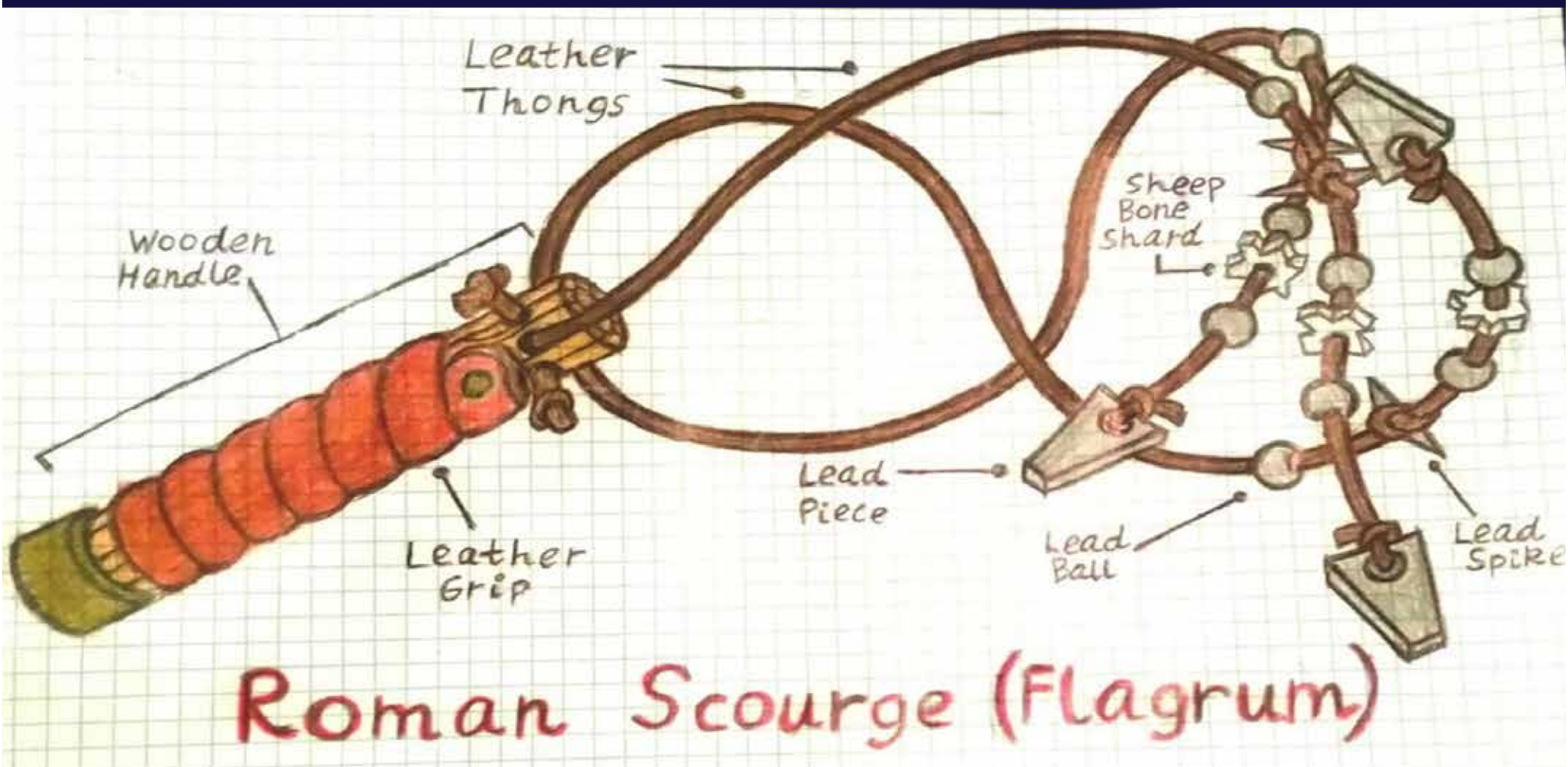
Jesus' emotions and feelings are real!
The agony unfathomable!



“My God, My God, why
have You forsaken Me?”

Mark 15

Cry #5 - ***"I thirst!"*** - John 19: 28



Roman Scourge (Flagrum)

Cry #5 – ***“I thirst!”*** – John 19: 28

Jesus is dehydrated and dying; His mouth is parched, on fire

That the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, ***“I thirst!”*** – Psalm 69: 21

We will ***all*** pass through the corridor of death; we are ***all*** amateurs!

Jesus taught us how to live; ***now He will teach us how to die!***

to fulfill the
Scripture
He said...



John 19:28

IT HIRST

Cry #6 – ***“It is finished!”*** – John 19:30

Jesus came into this world on a mission,
to do the Father’s will – John 6: 38

Jesus had an entrance time, and an exit
time – *a dash* - just like each one of us!

A person is captured in mid-air, jumping across a deep canyon. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon behind a range of mountains. The person's silhouette is dark against the bright sky. The canyon walls are rugged and rocky, and the overall atmosphere is one of adventure and freedom.

**We live on the dash between
our birth date and our death
date**

Finished = *“tetelestai”* = mission accomplished; work completed; paid in full


What is paid in full?

Mankind's sin debt! – **Romans 6: 23**

What else is paid in full, work completed?

Satan's defeat at the cross – **Done!** **Finished!**
Colossians 2: 15

Satan is on borrowed time, and he knows it!
1 Peter 5: 8

A silhouette of Jesus Christ on the cross, set against a dramatic, golden-hued sunset sky with scattered clouds. The figure is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the cross extending from the top right towards the center. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

JESUS SAID,
**“IT IS
FINISHED”**

JOHN 19:30

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Cry #7 – ***“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit”***
Luke 23: 46

No man took Jesus' life!

Jesus willingly gave His life, ***“as a ransom for many”*** – **Matthew 20: 28**

What is a **good death**?

Finishing your race; doing the Father's will

- William Borden had a **good death**
Upon his death, these words were found in his bible

”
NO RESERVES
NO RETREATS
NO REGRETS

“

- WILLIAM BORDEN



Life can appear
very bleak!
Hear the words
of the great
sage,
Yogi Berra

IT AIN'T OVER
TILL IT'S OVER

Yogi Berra



Then

THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY!!

. would break forth

From

RESPONDENCY TO DELIGHT!!



Father,
into your
hands
I commend
my spirit.
Luke 23:46

RESURRECTION SUNDAY – VICTORY DAY!!
THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY!!

The greatest day in history is our **HOPE** - ***the tomb was empty!***

The greatest day in history destroyed the last enemy – **DEATH!** - **1 Corinthians 15: 26**

The greatest day in history is a guarantee of a glorious **NEW BODY!** – **1 Corinthians 15: 42**

The greatest day in history changes everything; we will be ***CHANGED!***

1 Corinthians 15:50-53 (NKJV)

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

FACT: THE TOMB OF JESUS WAS EMPTY!



A photograph of a person in white robes standing in a stone tomb, with a bright light shining through the opening. The person is seen from behind, looking towards the light. The tomb is made of rough-hewn stone blocks and has a set of steps leading up to the opening. The light creates a strong contrast with the dark interior of the tomb.

**There are 4200
world religions**

**But there's only one empty
tomb. There's only one man
who conquered sin, death and
hell forever. There's only one
way to Heaven. His name is
Jesus Christ!**

JESUS IS ALIVE!

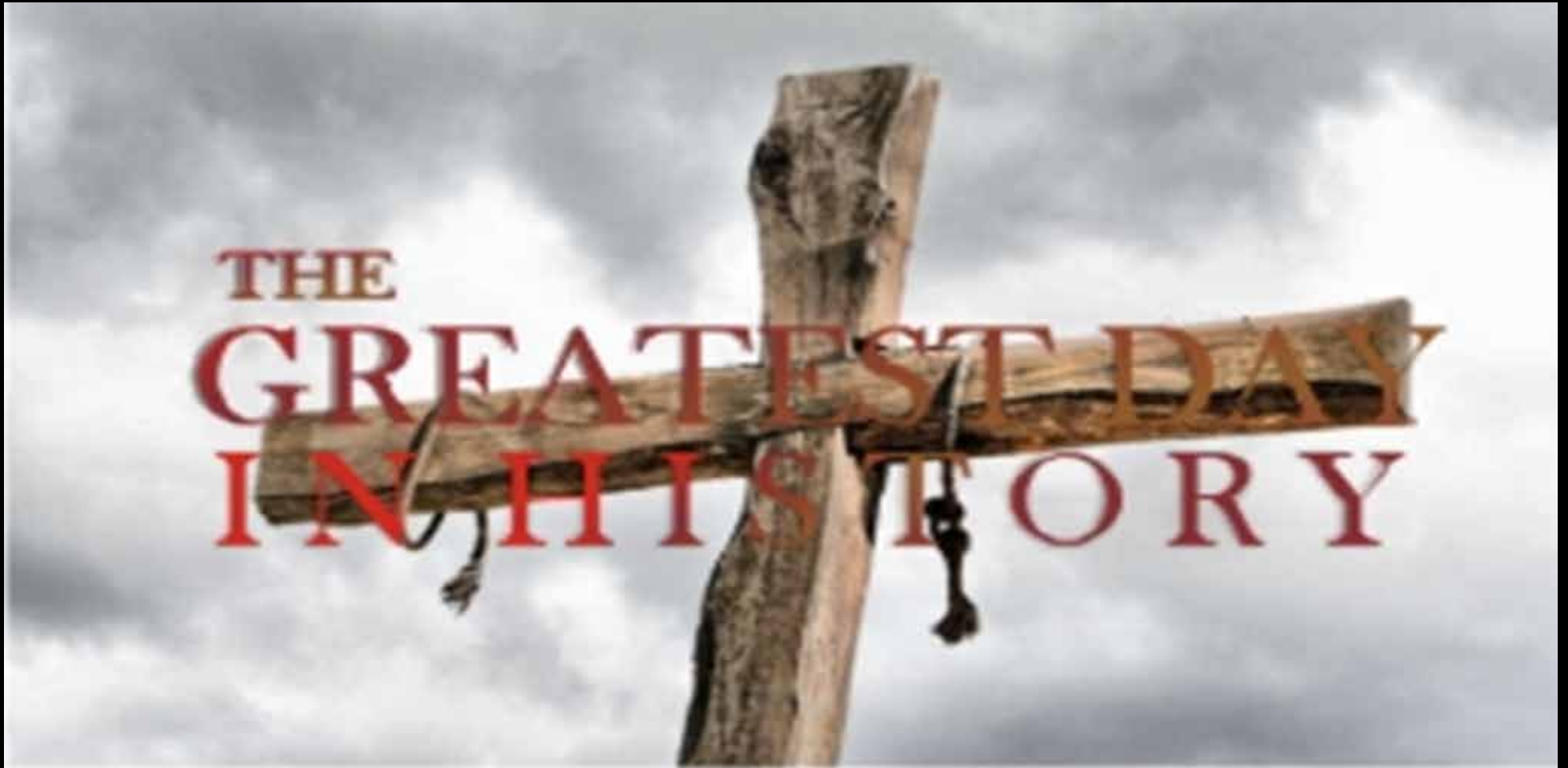
The world must deal with this truth!

GOD ENTERS.!

From despondency to delight!

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!

HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY!!





HE IS RISEN,
HE IS RISEN
INDEED!