

THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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MARK CHAPTER 15:1-39

MESSAGE #JHX197

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"WHAT IF MANMADE RELIGION
HAS MESSED THINGS UP?"**

THE OFFERING OF THE SON OF GOD

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Faith, Hope, Life, Forgiveness, Suffering, Salvation

Introduction to the Text; Mark 15:1-39

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Message

Evening Text Mark 15:1-39

Mark 15:20

And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

WHAT IF RELIGION'S MESSED THINGS UP?

1.) What If: God had **arranged for the cross ?**

WHAT IF GOD ARRANGED THE CROSS ?

1a.) What If He had **anticipated the cross ?**

*According to the Bible,
the cross was a **premeditated** act of God.*

**JESUS WASN'T MURDERED // JESUS WASN'T KIDNAPPED AND
ABUSED.**

The Cross was Anticipated by God

BUT WHY?

Acts 2:22-23

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— :23 Him, being **delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God**, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Determined – the infinite plan of God.
Foreknowledge – in eternity, before it all began.

Acts 2:36

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both **Lord and Christ.**”

By Jesus Christ going to the cross,
*He became our **Lord and Christ.***

(HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN LORD AND CHRIST)

But, it's through the cross that Jesus was made available for all mankind; to be Mankinds' **Lord and Christ.**

Our Lord

meaning, κύριος kurios, *koo´-ree-os*; from κῦρος kuros (supremacy); the supreme in authority, the controller; the Master of me.

Our Christ

meaning, Χριστός Christos, *khris-tos´*; the anointed one, the Messiah, Mankind's Savior

WHAT IF GOD ARRANGED THE CROSS ?

1b.) What If He had **counted the cost of cross ?**

John 1:14

And the Word (logo's – the word of god) became flesh and **dwelt among us**, (descended to us, came here, come down) and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

2Corinthians 5:21

For He (God the Father) made Him (Christ the Son) who knew no sin, *to be made sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Jesus Christ Counted the "Cost of the Cross"

And cost was going to everything - the expense was all that God Had.

Listen Friend:

You And I Were Not Saved at the Cross thru Some Special Easter Deal.
It was No Holiday Sale. There was no Bargain.
Nothing About the Cross was Not Discounted.

(Beyond what you and I could ever imagine)

Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, :7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. :8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

His Eternal Gospel *is this*

That Jesus Christ would come to us, for us, costing Him everything.

WHAT IF GOD ARRANGED THE CROSS ?

1c.) What If He had embraced the cross ?

What Did Jesus Get Out of Going to The Cross?

Jesus longed to meet the cross, he had embraced the cross.

1John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life **for** us.

John 15:12-13

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. :13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

WHAT IF RELIGION'S MESSED THINGS UP?

2.) What If: The cross was **essential** for salvation ?

WHAT IF THE CROSS WAS ESSENTIAL ?

2a.) What If salvation's cross **removes** sin?

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, :14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Galatians 1:3-4

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, :4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

His Sinless-ness removed my Sin-fullness

2Corinthians 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them

WHAT IF THE CROSS WAS ESSENTIAL ?

2b.) What If salvation's cross **forgives** us ?

Colossians 1:14

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Listen to What Jesus Said – From the Cross

Luke 23:34

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Acts 3:19-21

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be **blotted** out, (obliterate, wipe off completely) so that times of **refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, :20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, :21 whom heaven must receive until the times of **restoration** of all things,

WHAT IF THE CROSS WAS ESSENTIAL ?

2c.) What If salvation's cross **redeems** you ?

To be **redeemed** is to be purchased back or out of the marketplace.

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*"),

Some Day We're Going to Sing Together

Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Redemption "Invigorates" Us – Brings New Life!

WHAT IF RELIGION'S MESSED THINGS UP?

3.) What If Jesus' **death** was man's only hope ?

WHAT IF JESUS' DEATH IS MAN'S ONLY HOPE ?

3a.) What If Jesus took your **place** at the cross ?

Colossians 2:14

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing** it to his cross;

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

WHAT IF JESUS' DEATH IS MAN'S ONLY HOPE ?

3c.) What If Jesus **died** so you can live ?

Romans 5:5-8

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. :6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. :7 For scarcely for a righteous man

will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. :8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:15-17

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

WHAT IF JESUS' DEATH IS MAN'S ONLY HOPE ?

3b.) What If Jesus *suffered* for your healing ?

John 12:27

“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

1Peter 2:21-25

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: :22 “*Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth*”; :23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; :24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. :25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Wouldn't You Like to Finally Except
Jesus Christ Today?

Do You Need Ministry of Any Kind?

*as soon as this song is over, you come forward today,
and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.*

End of Study