

## What did the Cross Accomplish?

*Mark 15:22-39*

*<sup>22</sup> Then they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. <sup>23</sup> They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them to decide what each man should take. <sup>25</sup> It was the third hour when they crucified Him. <sup>26</sup> The inscription of the charge against Him read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS."*

*<sup>27</sup> They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. <sup>28</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors." <sup>29</sup> Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. <sup>32</sup> Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.*

*<sup>33</sup> When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" <sup>35</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup> Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." <sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. <sup>38</sup> And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

Stripped bare of all dignity, Jesus hung on a wooden cross. In the horror of the events surrounding Jesus, He was in the process of doing His greatest work.

1. On the cross Jesus bore our grief and shame.

Isaiah 53:4, Matthew 8:17, Mark 15:29, 31, Acts 4:11,

2. On the cross Jesus was crushed for our sins.

Psalms 22:16 - 17, Isaiah 53:4 - 7, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18

3. On the cross Jesus ended the law's curse and destroyed death.

Romans 8:2, 1 Corinthians 15:56, Daniel 9:11, Galatians 3:10 - 13, 1 Peter 2:24, John 11:25, 20:31, Romans 5:17, 21, 2 Timothy 1:8 - 10

4. On the cross, Jesus made heaven fully accessible.

Mark 15:38, Philippians 3:20, Ephesians 2:19