



***Sermon: Jesus—Choices***

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TEXT:

Luke 23:32-45

32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. 35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." 38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." 44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

Main Point:

The choices that we make can have everlasting effect on generations to come.

Supporting Scripture:

Matthew 4:1-10

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the

tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" "

Revelation 6:16

And said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

THINGS THAT COME FROM A SCOFFING CROSS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ will turn me \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus because with Jesus I \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Luke 23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

b. 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

c. Mark 7:20-23 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

d. Nehemiah 9:16 "But they and our fathers acted proudly, Hardened their necks, And did not heed Your commandments.

e. Pride will \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ if we don't humble ourselves before \_\_\_\_\_.

THINGS THAT COME FROM A SCOFFING CROSS:

2. Scoffing will \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ to the world instead of \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

a. James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

b. 1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

c. 1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- d. Proverbs 14:15 The simple believes every word, but the prudent considers well his steps.
- e. Just because something \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't mean it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. We \_\_\_\_\_ multiple \_\_\_\_\_.

THINGS THAT COME FROM A SCOFFING CROSS:

- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ from God will \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Matthew 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.
- b. Ephesians 2:12 That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- c. 2 Thessalonians 1:9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
- d. Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ there is no \_\_\_\_\_.

THINGS THAT COME FROM A SCOFFING CROSS:

- 4. Our unbelief \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- a. John 12:37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him.
- b. Psalm 78:32 In spite of this they still sinned, and did not believe in His wondrous works.
- c. Hebrews 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;
- d. John 5:37-38 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.
- e. We can't \_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_ in.

WHAT DOES A WORSHIPING CROSS PRODUCE IN OUR LIFE?

- 1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ says my God is \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ than we could ever \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Luke 23:41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.

- b. Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- c. 2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
- d. Our faith isn't based off His \_\_\_\_\_, but off His \_\_\_\_\_.

WHAT DOES A WORSHIPING CROSS PRODUCE IN OUR LIFE?

- 2. We are never \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Luke 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."
- b. Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
- c. Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'
- d. Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- e. Daniel 3:23-24 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?"
- f. Daniel 6:22 My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.

WHAT DOES A WORSHIPING CROSS PRODUCE IN OUR LIFE?

- 3. We are to be thankful for \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- a. Luke 23:34a Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
- b. Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.
- c. Psalm 9:1 I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.
- d. Psalm 100:4-5 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

WHAT DOES A WORSHIPING CROSS PRODUCE IN OUR LIFE?

4. My \_\_\_\_\_ isn't \_\_\_\_\_ on my \_\_\_\_\_, but on my \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

a. Luke 23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

b. Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.

c. Psalm 30:5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

d. Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

e. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

f. Our joy isn't \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ because of God.