

The Cost of Our Salvation

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John 12:27-33

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Mysterious Things

- Jesus declares, *now is my soul troubled...* How can this be?
- Christian faith has mysteries: Trinity-God exists in 1 being and in 3 person
- Incarnation of Christ: Jesus had human nature^{Jn1:14; Phil2:7-8; Mt1:18ff} and a divine nature^{Col1:15-17; 2:9; Phil2:6-7; Jn8:58}. Likewise Bible contains human documents but it is the very Word of God^{2Tim3:16-17; 2Pt1:20-21; 1Thes2:13}
- Today's passage brings us a mystery of the heart: how can Jesus suffer at the hands of men^{Mk15:15-20; Isa53:3-7} and at the hands of God the Father^{Mk15:34}?

The Cost of Salvation

- Can we every know how much our salvation cost Jesus?
- Jesus shares His anguish²⁷, repeated later in Garden^{Mt26:39; Mk14:36; Lk22:42}
- Even Jesus - the God-man approached His death for you with great anguish

How Should We Understand?

- This is about far more than mere physical suffering^{Is53:4,10}
- JC Ryle: *a great doctrine indirectly proved: the imputation of man's sin to Christ*
- Jesus bore the weight of sinner's guilt^{Is53:3} and He felt it!
- Great comfort that Jesus bore our sins - Divine Substitute

A Lesson from Jesus' Words

- How did Jesus gain the resolve He needed to not shrink from our redemption?
- Jesus is honest - should I ask Father to save me? NO!
- Jesus never lost sight of His purpose *for He will save His people from their sins*^{Mt1:21}
- Driving principle in Jesus' life^{Jn4:34; 5:30; 6:38}: to do His Father's will
- We are to be like Jesus: focused on doing the Father's will!

The Highest Purpose

- Jesus' focus: *Father, glorify Your name*²⁸
- WSC #1: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever
- Here was Jesus, the 2nd Adam^{1Cor15:45-49} loving His Father's glory first!
- Not: glorify MY name. When Jesus paid debt for sin - God was glorified^{Is30:18}

A Powerful Response

- Voice from heaven, one of 3 times^{Lk3:22; Lk9:33; Jn12:28-29}
- God spoke to give a sign and witness of who Jesus was!

Jesus Explains His Mission

- John wrote gospel that we might believe^{20:31}
- Jesus' work will judge the world. He showed *the kind of death He was going to die*³³

The World was 'judged'

- The world's probation was over^{Act17:30}. Showed God's righteousness^{Rom3:24-26}
- Even before work completed the Lord boasts of having obtained a victory^{Calvin}

Satan's Reign was Over

- Jesus' work means Satan's reign was over
- Satan was defeated at the cross^{Heb2:14,15; Col2:15}
- The complete execution of that is yet future^{Rev20:10}. God's perfect timetable!

God's Elect will be Irresistibly Drawn to Christ

- *I will draw ALL people to myself*³² He has to mean the elect...
- Otherwise that would be universalism which denies Word^{Mt25:46; Jn3:36}
- Jesus defines: the word "all"^{Jn6:37}. All best means 'all kinds of people'^{Rev7:9}
- Drawing power of God's love^{1Jn4:9-10}. Cost of our salvation is great^{Heb10:5-14}!
- *Let us Love and Sing and Wonder...* John Newton