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CHARACTER STUDY - On the Way to Golgotha

Luke 23:26-43

- I. Let's take a look at those who followed Jesus to the 'hill far away.'
 - A. Simon from Cyrene - Participation because of external pressure
 - B. Crowd who watched - Curious, but disengaged
 - C. Women who mourned - Faithful, but 'now' focused
 - D. Two criminals
 - #1 - Hurling Insults - Naive - speaking without thought, critical.
 - #2 - 'Remember me'- Seeker - speaking with thought, hopeful.
 - E. Rulers who sneered - Scoffer
 - F. Soldiers who mocked - The Fool
- II. Let's consider for a moment, the words of Jesus during the difficult walk to Golgotha.
 - A. A prophecy –
 - B. A prayer –
 - C. A word of comfort –
- III. Application:

The noise of the crowd should not influence the 'truth.'

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Welcome and Announcements
The Call to Worship
*Hymn No. 304 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain:

Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.

Come, Christian follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Led on their way - By this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God - In conquering ranks combine.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

O Lord, once lifted - On the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised - Draw the world to Thee.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

*Invocation

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: O Lord, when *we* want to do good, evil is right there with *us*.

C: ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. (Romans 7)

P: We cry out to you this morning O Lord! We know that we are weak – but you are strong. We do stumble and fall ... yet You are always there to pick us up. We ask for your forgiveness when we disobey and sin against You. Please forgive us when we don't love one another as you have loved us.

C. We thank you for Your assurance of our forgiveness. We are comforted that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets *us* free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8)

The Anthem

The Doxology

Scripture Reading Luke 23:26-43

²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large number of people followed him,

including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then

“ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”
and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’

³¹ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Sermon

Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

CHARACTER STUDY
Individuals in the Crowd

*Hymn No. 211 *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus—vast, unmeasured, boundless free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me, underneath me,
all around me, is the current of Thy love —
leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev’ry love the best!
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing; ’tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—’tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon Continued

The Words of Jesus ... while walking to Golgotha

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *O How He Loves You and Me*

O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give,
O how He loves, you, O how He loves, me,
O how He loves you and me.

Sermon Applied

Song of Response

Mr. Devon Hamilton

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *By His Grace*

By His grace I am redeemed, By His blood I am made clean,
And I now can know Him face to face,
By His pow’r I have been raised, Hidden now in Christ by faith,
I will praise the glory of His grace.

*Postlude

Mr. Don Reasons