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SERMON **THE CROSS: A TESTIMONY THAT CHANGED ETERNITY**
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Weekly Church Calendar

SUNDAY April 5

10:30am

Worship Service - Please listen to 97.5 KMEM/
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ALL Other Church Activities are Canceled until further notice.

On this Palm Sunday, Lord, help us to be as fascinated with Christ as those who hailed him long ago.

The Cross: A Testimony that changed Eternity

John 3:16; Matthew 27:54

The cross is the ultimate in testimony, God's testimony to mankind. Luke preserves for us multiple testimonies, Notice – even Jesus' testimony.

[R. L. Cooper] This is an important distinction, one that other religions do not have. Allah has his messenger in Mohammed. Buddha is a messenger. Only Christianity says that the message is the Messenger. God became incarnate. He entered human history and walked among us as a man.¹

The Cross Scene: [The Crucifixion of Jesus Mt 27:33–44; Mk 15:22–32; Jn 19:17–24]

The _____ duty: (vs 26a), (vs 34b), (vs 36-38)

_____ was forced to do: (vs 26)

_____ were compelled to watch: (vs 27-31), (vs 35)

_____ in Crime: (vs 32-33), (vs 39-43)

Jesus Response:

(vs 34) Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**

(vs 43) Jesus answered him, **“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

(Footnotes)

¹ Cooper, R. L. (2000). *Mark* (Vol. 2, p. 76). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

(vs 44-46) It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”** When he had said this, he breathed his last.

WE have several testimonies, what will you say? “Liar, Lunatic or Lord?”

1. ⁴⁷ The _____, seeing what had happened, **praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”**
2. ⁴⁸ When all the _____ this sight saw what took place, **they beat their breasts and went away.**
3. ⁴⁹ But _____, **including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.**
4. ⁵⁰ Now there was a _____, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹ **who had not consented to their decision and action.**

[Francis Schaeffer]

The last verse of “Give Tongues of Fire” summarizes it so well:

O Son of man, O Son of God!
Whose love bought all men by his blood,
Give us thy mind, thy soul's desire,
Thy heart of love, Thy tongue of fire
That we thy gospel may proclaim
To every man in thy great name!
O crucified and risen Lord,
Give tongues of fire to preach thy Word.

This should be the desire of our hearts. But if we are going to know it rather than just sing it and talk it, we must not do the Lord's work in the flesh. We must do the Lord's work in the Lord's way.¹

(Footnotes)

¹ Schaeffer, F. A. (1982). *The complete works of Francis A. Schaeffer: a Christian worldview* (Vol. 3, pp. 51–53). Westchester, IL: Crossway Books.