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## **Romans 5:6-7 (NIV)**

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

**Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **Colossians 2:13-14 (NIV)**

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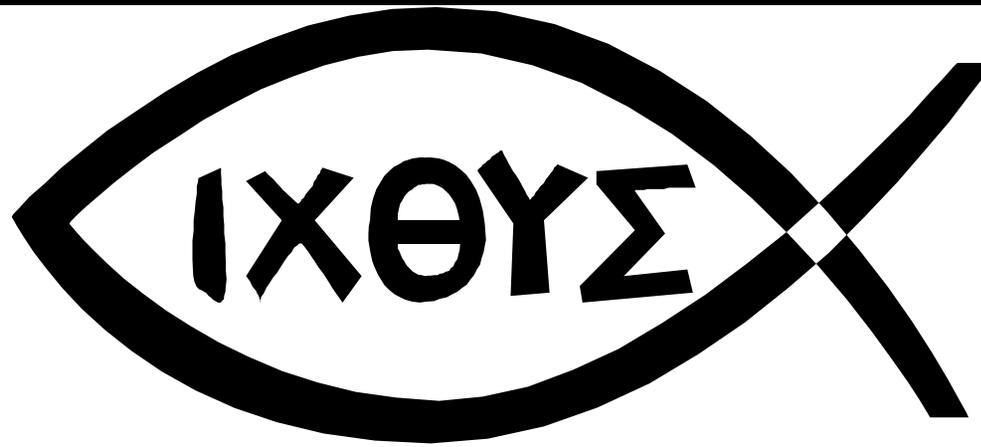
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# **AT the CROSS**

**Romans 5:1-8**







**Jesus Christ Son of God Savior**



## 1 Corinthians 1:22-23 (NIV)

Jews demand miraculous signs and  
Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but **we preach**  
**Christ CRUCIFIED**: a stumbling block to  
Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

## John 13

15 I have given you an example to follow.

**DO as I have done...** (NLT)

21 ...ONE of you **WILL betray Me.** (NLT)

27 **Hurry and DO** what you're going to do. (NLT)

38 ...Peter - before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will **DENY** three times that you **even know Me.** (NLT)

## John 15

18 If the world hates you, remember that it **HATED ME first.** (NLT)

20 ...A slave is **not greater than the Master...** (NLT)

## Mark

<sup>36</sup> ...take this cup from Me. Yet **not what I will, but what You WILL.** (NIV)

Mark 15:15 (NIV)

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had **Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified.**

Luke 23:33-34 (NIV)

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. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**" And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

## Those who **MOCKED**

Mark 15:29-32 (NIV)

Those who **PASSED BY** hurled insults at **Him**, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> come down from the cross and save yourself!"

<sup>31</sup> In the same way the **CHIEF PRIESTS**  
and the **TEACHERS of the LAW**  
**mocked Him** among themselves. He  
saved others, they said, but he can't save  
himself. <sup>32</sup> Let this Christ, this King of  
Israel, come down now from the cross,  
**THAT we may SEE and BELIEVE...**

Luke 23:35-37, 39 (NIV)

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." <sup>36</sup>  
The **SOLDIERS** also came up and **mocked Him**. They offered Him wine vinegar

<sup>37</sup> and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ...<sup>39</sup> **One of the CRIMINALS** who hung there **hurled insults at Him**: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Matthew 27:45-47, 50-51 (NIV)

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour  
**darkness came over all the land.**

<sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in  
a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama  
sabachthani?*"- which means...

<sup>46</sup> ... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had **cried out** again in a **loud voice, He gave up his spirit.** <sup>51</sup> At that moment the **curtain of the temple was torn** in two from **TOP to BOTTOM**. The earth shook and the rocks split.

## Those who **MOURNED**

Luke 23:40-41 (NIV)

But the other **CRIMINAL** rebuked him.

"Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But **this man has done NOTHING wrong**

Mark 15:39-41 (NIV)

And when **the CENTURION**, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how He died, he said, "**Surely this man was the Son of God!**" <sup>40</sup> Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene...

...**Mary** the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and **Salome**.<sup>41</sup> In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. **Many other women** who had come up with him to Jerusalem **were also there.**

Luke 23:48-49 (NIV)

When all the **PEOPLE** who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they **beat their breasts and went away.** <sup>49</sup> But **ALL those who KNEW Him**, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, **watching** these things.

O, **Mighty Cross**, O Christ so pure,  
**LOVE held Him there**, Such Shame endure;  
His sacrifice on Calvary, has made  
the mighty cross **a tree of life to ME.**

The journey to Jerusalem didn't begin in Jericho. It didn't begin in Galilee. It didn't begin in Nazareth. It didn't even begin in Bethlehem. **The journey to the cross** began long before. As the echo of the crunching of fruit was still sounding in the Garden of Eden,

**Jesus was leaving for Calvary.** Max Lucado

Ephesians 2:13 (NIV)

But now in Christ Jesus **you who once were FAR AWAY** have been brought **NEAR THROUGH** the **Blood of Christ.**

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## AT the Cross Jesus...

- **DISARMED** powers and authorities
- made a **SPECTACLE** of them
- **TRIUMPHED** over them

# **JUSTIFIED - declared innocent**

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**ATONEMENT- removal of punishment  
a complete and total cleansing**

Romans 3:25 (NIV)

God presented Him as a sacrifice of  
**ATONEMENT**, through **FAITH** in His blood...

**The Cross** is the lightning rod of **GRACE**  
that directs **God's WRATH** right to **Jesus**  
**Christ** so that only the **Light of His Love**  
remains for believers. AW Tozer

# RECONCILED- Restoring our relationship with GOD

Colossians 1:21-22 (NIV)

Once **you were alienated from God** and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now **He has RECONCILED you by Christ's physical body through death** to present you **HOLY in His sight, without blemish** and free from accusation...

# The Cross Becomes my...

- **ANCHOR** in the Storm
- **SHIELD** of Safety During the Battle
- **SWORD** that Destroys the Enemy and all my Fears
- Birth **CERTIFICATE**

There's a place where sin and shame

- **Are powerless**

Where my heart has peace with God

- **And forgiveness**

Where all the love I've ever found

Comes like a flood - Comes flowing down

**AT the cross, AT the cross**

- I surrender my life

I'm in awe of You - I'm in awe of You

Where Your love ran RED

- And my sin washed WHITE

I owe all to You - I owe all to You