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The Cross Lesson 2 They Pierced Him

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In this Bible lesson, we are going to look at a particular aspect of the cross-work of Jesus Christ.

They pierced His hands and His feet. He was nailed to a cross, not tied with ropes as some Hollywood film producers have depicted.

The Bible says in Psalm 22:16, ***“For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.”*** There are two things that we want to emphasize from this verse. First, the Lord Jesus Christ willingly laid Himself down upon that cross and allowed a man to hammer nails into His hands and His feet. Some scientists and so-called Bible scholars would say that the word of God needs to be corrected, and that it really means “the wrists and the ankles”. Remember what we have learned in the past – anytime someone says that the word of God is translated wrong, they are wrong because the word of God is always right (Psalm 33:4). The Bible says that they pierced His hands and His feet. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 10:5 that God specifically prepared a body for Jesus Christ which would be nailed on that cruel cross.

The second thing we want to emphasize from Psalm 22:16 is the use of the words “my” – ***“...they have pierced my hands and my feet.”*** It was personal.

The Bible says plainly in Romans that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). You know what happened in the garden, God told Adam not to eat of one certain tree because ***“...in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*** (Genesis 2:17b). Both Adam and Eve ate of it, and their soul died. For ***“...the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”*** (Ezekiel 18:4, 20), and that spiritual death which fell upon Adam and Eve was passed to all their descendants. ***“For as in Adam all die...”*** (1 Corinthians 15:22a).

When the Lord Jesus Christ came into this world, He was conceived in and born from the womb of a virgin (Luke 1:35 and Matthew 1:23). The sinless seed was from God (Luke 1:35) and was the Son of God. According to the scripture, He was God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16; Philippians 2:6-8). He was not the offspring of Joseph. He was born of God (Hebrews 10:5). No

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sinful blood flowed through His veins; He was the perfect, sinless Son of God. So why is it that His hands and His feet were pierced? The Bible says, “...*they pierced my hands*” - the hands of the Lord Jesus; “*they pierced my feet*” - the feet of the Lord Jesus. Why should He ever be nailed to a cross of death when He had not sinned nor merited death for any reason? For only one reason - He was bearing our sin and dying our death.

In John 20:24-28 it says, “*But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. (This was after His crucifixion and His resurrection.) 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27 The saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*”

Did Jesus rebuke Thomas for saying that? No, He didn't. Did Jesus say He wasn't the Lord? No, He didn't. Did Jesus say He wasn't God? No, He didn't. Why didn't He? Because Thomas spoke the truth. 29 “*Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*”

We know you haven't seen Jesus Christ with the naked eye, but do you believe that the hands and feet of the Son of God were hammered through with nails on Calvary's cross? Do you believe that the same Lord Jesus Christ who was nailed to that cross showed Himself alive to His disciples by many infallible proofs (Acts 1:3) and is alive today? If so, the blessing of salvation is yours because the Bible says in Romans 10:9, “*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*”

In Zechariah 12:9-10 we read this prophesy, “*And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*” The Lord God of the Old Testament said, “*they shall look upon me whom they have pierced.*” Who is the scripture speaking of? The LORD, (all caps, Zechariah 12:8). This is the

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same LORD that is spoken of in Genesis 2:4 “...*the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.*” Isaiah 43:3, “*For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour...*” “*Thy Saviour*”, do you see that? Isaiah 43:11, “*I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.*” The scripture is telling us that the LORD, Jehovah God, is thy Saviour. In Revelation 19:13b He is called “*The Word of God*”, and in Revelation 19:16b, “*KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS*” – the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whose hands and feet were nailed to the cross? 1 John 3:16, “*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us...*” Who laid down His life for us? God did! For whom did He do this? Acts 20:28b, “...*the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*”

The Bible says in Zechariah 12:10, “*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*” Have you ever come to that place of repentance, where you despise yourself because you see yourself to be one who is responsible for the cruel torture of Jesus Christ on Calvary’s cross? They did not pierce your hands and your feet; they pierced His hands and His feet. Your sin cost God His life, His blood. Your sin sent the Saviour to the cross, where He died in your place. Colossians 2:13, “*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh...*” If you have never received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, that is your condition right now; however, if you have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you have been made alive – “...*hath he quickened (made you alive) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses:*”. Colossians 2:14, “*Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross:*” Blessed be God forever! The only way that you or I would have ever known God’s plan for our salvation was because God’s Holy Spirit recorded it in the word of God. The Lord Jesus Christ laid down those sinless hands and feet on Calvary’s cross for us.

When they lifted up the Lord Jesus Christ (John 12:32) on that cross, the blood flowed, covering all of our sins, all of our transgression against his laws, ordinances, and commandments. His blood blotted out all the sins and violations you and I have ever committed. Then, that day came when we trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, and we were given blessings along with many more of His promises (Romans 5:17, 20). Our record is now

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clean and pure because we have been washed in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).

In John 10:27-29 the Bible says, ***“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.”*** If I believe that Jesus Christ’s blood flowed for my salvation, I am sealed and secured forever by God’s Holy Spirit. Nothing can take that salvation away from me, not even me myself (Ephesians 1:13).

“Blessed...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” Do you believe? If not, why not? Someday you’re going to see Him, just like Thomas did. Revelation 1:7, ***“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him...”*** When you see the Lord Jesus Christ, you will either see Him as your Saviour or as your Judge. He will either receive you, resulting in your praising and glorifying Him, or He will reject you and cast you into the Lake of Fire (Matthew 7:23; Revelation 21:8), where there will be weeping, wailing, and screaming for one drop of water (Luke 16:24).

In the last lesson, we learned that ***“...the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.”*** (1 Corinthians 1:18). Wouldn’t you like to be among those of us that are saved, rather than those that perish? The Bible has made it very simple. It says in Acts 16:31, ***“...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...”*** You know you are a sinner. You know you need a Saviour to forgive you and give you everlasting life. The Bible has clearly shown you that Jesus Christ is that Saviour.

Now all the Lord wants you to do is fully and completely put your faith and trust in Him for salvation. In your heart, right now, believe that Jesus died for you; believe that He rose from the dead; believe that He’s the only hope you have of ever obtaining a place in heaven. Bow your head and call upon Him. Talk to Him; He is ready to listen. ***“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*** Romans 10:13.

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The Cross – Lesson 2
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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with an answer in your own words.

1. Why is Joseph, Mary's spouse, not Jesus' father? *

2. Why does the Bible use the word "my" in Psalm 22:16?

3. What happens to someone when they reject the gift of salvation? *

4. What verses tell us that Hell and the Lake of Fire are forever? *

5. What does Jonah and the whale and Jesus Christ being nailed to the cross have in common? *

6. How should we react when we hear of Hollywood movies, scientists and so-called Bible scholars depicting Jesus as being tied to the cross with ropes?

7. Who is the Word of God? *

8. Who is the Saviour? *

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9. What do the Word of God and the Saviour have in common?
10. Explain Revelation 21:8 (you learned this in the Genesis series)
11. Why didn't Thomas believe?
12. What kind of belief does God require for salvation?
13. What are the two meanings when the first letter in a word is capitalized?
 - a.
 - b.
14. Define the word LORD. *

True/false

- Salvation takes trust in what God says.
- Jesus is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *
- Jesus' blood is necessary for Salvation. *
- Salvation is permanent. *



Scripture memorization

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)
Colossians 2:14; Zechariah 12:10; Psalm 22:16

any questions?