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The Cross – Lesson 6A  
The Crucifixion

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As we continue our series on the cross, we are going to teach from the Holy Bible about the particular aspects of our Lord Jesus Christ during His Crucifixion. Let's start by defining the word crucifixion. Websters 1828 Dictionary says: The nailing or fastening of a person to a cross for the purpose of putting him to death.

Psalm 22:18 is a prophetic look at the events that led up to the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. Verse 18 says, ***"They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."*** Those who were assigned to crucifying the Lord Jesus Christ were Roman soldiers. They carried out the order from Pontius Pilate, the governor. During the crucifixion, the soldiers beneath the cross took His clothes and divided them into four parts, giving each soldier a part; and they gambled for his coat. John 19:23, ***"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, and woven from the top throughout."*** (We will expound further in this lesson regarding His clothing.)

Try to picture in your mind the crucifixion...Here is Jesus Christ, a man who, just a few hours earlier, was blindfolded, while powerful, sword-swinging Roman soldiers hit Him with the palms of their hands. While they punched our precious Lord, they shouted at Him saying, "Who hit you prophet?" Luke 22:64, ***"And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee?"*** They beat The Lord of Glory to a bruised, swollen piece of meat, leaving Him unrecognizable. Isaiah 52:14, ***"As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:'. His beard had been plucked out by the roots; His skin was inflamed and bleeding from the ripping of the hair from it. If you have ever plucked the feathers from a chicken or a turkey before cooking the bird, you will understand completely what the scriptures are describing here. (Isaiah 50:6b, "...my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair...)*** On His brow was a platted (woven) vine of thorns, which the rage-filled soldiers beat down with a reed, forcing the barbed thorns to puncture His forehead and scalp. They did this while spitting on Him and mocking Him with ridicule as a king with his scepter and crown (Matthew 27:29-30; John 19:2). His back was like a plowed field, having been whipped till His bones were exposed. (The torturers of those days tied pieces of bone and rock to the whip strands, so when the whip struck the person's flesh, it would grab like a barb on a fish hook; and when pulled

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back, it would rip the flesh off.) Psalm 22:17, ***“I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.”***

Psalm 22:14, ***“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.”*** This verse tells us a very unique detail that most Bible teachers briefly explain as Jesus having had a broken heart because of the emotional hurt He experienced from those who had turned their backs on Him. Yes, His heart was broken, very broken. No one ever said a word in His defense – not those He called His friends, not those who watched Him heal the sick and blind, not those from whom He cast out devils, not those He raised from the dead.

We are well aware that Jesus was given a special body that would endure all the punishment until all the Law was fulfilled, and only Jesus would have the control to tell His body, ***“It is finished”*** and give up the ghost. The scripture does imply that He was still a man in a body of flesh. When the human body suffers severe punishment, the body temperature begins to rise, inflammation sets in, and sweat glands become more active to compensate for the pain inflicted. Normal human body organs begin to shut down when the body temperature begins to rise over 103 degrees. (That is why they pack people in ice when suffering heat stroke.)

When I was in the Marine Corps, on special occasions, they would have us run thirteen miles a day, dressed in full gear, while carrying our weapons. Once during this exercise, I noticed a man next to me was sweating profusely. His face was beat red, and within seconds, he was on the ground. The DI pulled off his clothes and put ice bags around him. Unfortunately, he did not survive. They told us that the heat inside of him had cooked all his vital organs, which caused his body to shut down all at once.

There are differences of opinion as to the exact distance Jesus carried the cross before handing it off to a man of Cyrene named Simon (Matthew 27:32), but they closely agree it was around two miles. So, think about that. He had been awake for at least thirty hours. I’m sure the soldiers were not giving Him food or water. They were smacking Him around, pushing and pulling Him, knocking Him down, ***“and all my bones out of joint”***. The torturous beatings, the two mile hike with the heavy cross, and the severe pain of having His hands and feet nailed tightly to the cross all caused His temperature to rise excessively, causing His sweat glands to profusely compensate for the higher temperature.

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While researching heat stroke and heat exhaustion, we ran across an article from the Chicago Tribune, dated July 20, 2011. In this article, a Doctor Gania states the following: “When the body’s temperature rises higher than 103, cell damage can occur and organs begin to shut down. The intestines may become permeable, for example, allowing harmful bacteria into the blood stream. Enzymes in our cells work at certain temperatures, and if it’s too hot, the cells break down. The enzymes and the cells will actually degrade when they reach a critical temperature. (Think of melting butter.) They can no longer hold themselves together when they get too hot.” Further on in the article, it says that when the body reaches this point, the sweat glands are dried, and the body is unable to cool itself. The skin becomes bright red.

We are not making the statement that this is what happened to the Lord on the cross, but all the variables are there.

John 19:34, ***“But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.”*** This verse has always been a question to me; now I think it makes sense.

Could the cells in His heart have broken down, eventually causing His heart to melt like wax? Psalm 22:14, ***“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.”*** His mouth was so dry that His tongue was stuck to the inside of His jaw. He describes His dryness as a piece of dried, broken clay. Psalm 22:15, ***“My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.”***

Below His cross were a few men, those who followed Him even to this bitter place, weeping and grieving. Around the cross were the spectators (like those that slow down on the roadways to see the accident) who gaped on Him with their mouths, mocked Him, laughed at Him, and in jest, shouted for Him to come down. Rulers were there making sarcastic, dissimulated statements to Him to make themselves look better. Luke 23:35, ***“And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.”*** Beneath this cross, other men were so cold, so calloused and hard-hearted, that they actually played a game of dice, gambling for His garments. Look closely at John 19:23, ***“Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam and woven from the top throughout.”*** The scripture says something of great significance – They are parting His garments among them and casting lots upon His vesture.

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The scripture says “garments” (plural), along with His outer garment. Our precious Lord Jesus Christ was hung naked on that cross - no greater shame for any human being.

An important fact to be noted before we close this lesson, Roman soldiers did not kill The Lord Jesus Christ, nor did the Jews kill The Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ, laid down His life because He wanted to for us. John 10:17-18 *Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.* Hebrews 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

When we read the atrocities inflicted upon the Lamb of God, we can only cry in our hearts and say, “Why?”

God provided a spotless Lamb to be butchered, crucified, and then hung naked before all to see. He did this so that He could take away all our sin, and so that we could be allowed to stand before Him clothed in His Son’s righteousness...but only if we believe what He did for us on that cross at Calvary.

Our minds are drawn back to Genesis 3:1-10, the divine record of God concerning the day when man fell into sin. *“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.”* Skip to verse 10, *“And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”* Genesis 3:11, *“And he said, Who told thee that thou was naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?”* Yes, of course, the man had disobeyed what God had said. God then pronounces curses upon the serpent, upon the man, and upon the woman. But then the Bible says in Genesis 3:21, *“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”* You see, God pursued them; God caught them; God found them naked, fallen in sin. Yet God, in His great love and mercy, shed the blood of an innocent victim, that He might make a covering to clothe the sinful man and the sinful woman that He loved so much. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”* (John 3:16-17)

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It's sin that has brought you to a place of groaning, misery, and longing for something better – some release, some escape. That's what you want, right? Listen to me. Alcohol, drugs, earthly pleasure, money, sex, religion, turning over a new leaf...NONE of that will make you feel any better. You say, "Just a little more money and I will be happy." Look at the lives of those that have more money than you. They are miserable; their lives are a mess. My friend, you are burdened by sin, you are naked before a Holy God, and sin is wearing you out. Sin makes you get old, tired, ugly, and weak. It wrecks your mind, shatters your nerves, destroys your conscience, and will eventually ruin your life, leaving you only with regret.

All your life has been spent searching for something to make you feel better, only to find out that nothing can fill that empty space in your soul. Do you know why? God put that space in you to be filled by Him. My friend, the Lord Jesus Christ died for your sins. If you want to be free from your groaning and the burden of sin, you must look to the Lamb of God that was slain. His blood was shed so that God might make a covering for you, so that you would not have to stand naked before Him as a guilty sinner with no place to hide. You need to be saved. When the Bible says, "You must be born again", God isn't speaking lightly. He is telling the truth. *Ye must be born again*; you do not stand another chance.

John 14:6, "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"

If you have never asked Jesus Christ to save your soul, please ask Him now! Simply ask Him to forgive you for being a sinner and save you. Tell Him that you believe that He is God, that He paid for your sins with His precious blood, and that He rose from the dead. If you are truly trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ alone to save you, then you can KNOW that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13, "*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*"

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

1. What are two of the passages in the Old testament that depict the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - a.
  - b.
2. What was the crucifixion a picture of?
3. What happens to the cells in the human Body when the body temperature rises to over 103 degrees?
4. Though Jesus was a strong man having worked as a carpenter during his younger life, tell us how you know that he suffered during his crucifixion.\*
5. Explain John 14:6 Each word in detail.

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6. As Jesus hung on that cross, tell us the seven things he said and what was the significance of each statement?
- a.\*
  - b.\*
  - c.\*
  - d.\*
  - e.\*
  - f.\*
  - g.\*
7. Compare Psalm 22 with Isaiah 52, explain to us things that are common.\*
8. What four letter word, tells us the Cyrene, Simon did not carry the cross all the way to Mount Calvary.\*

