

Message Notes

"Jesus is our Example (Christus Exemplar)"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

The Gospel Series has sparked great questions!

Introduction – A crash course on three historical Atonement Theories

Cross as Sacrifice –
Substitutionary Atonement

Cross as Victor –
Christus Victor

Cross as Moral Influence –
Christus Exemplar

Three errors:

1. Jesus was only a great teacher
2. Jesus was only God
3. Jesus was only human

BIG QUESTION: How then is a theology of the Cross of Jesus applicable to us today, right now?

The Cross of Jesus: His Glory His Humiliation and Our Example!

1. His Glory
2 Corinthians 4:6
John 12:23, 27-28
John 13:30-32
John 17:1

2. His Humiliation
1 Peter 2:21-24

Hebrews 12:1-6

3. Humiliation, Glory and our Example
Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Application – How is Jesus your Example?

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Other Passages Used (please use a pew Bible)

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THE

GOSPEL

BEAUTY. HORROR. LOVE. WONDER. MERCY. WRATH. GOD.

If I have my Jesus Jacket on (Justification through Imputation) and Jesus actually takes away the guilt of my sin (Expiation), why would I be concerned about any upcoming judgment? Isn't there a judgment talked about in the Bible where we will in fact have to give account for our lives?

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John 5:24

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

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1 John 4:17-18

¹⁷In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

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1 John 4:17-18

Romans 14:10-12

¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written:

“ ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.’ ”

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**Preaching
the
Gospel to
yourself!**





A Crash Course in Three Atonement Theories

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Cross as Sacrifice – Substitutionary Atonement

“He offered sacrifice for our sins. And where did he find that offering, the pure victim that he would offer? He offered himself, in that he could find no other.”

~ *Augustine - The City of God (426 AD)*

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Cross as Victor – Christus Victor

Its central theme is the idea of the Atonement as a Divine conflict and victory; Christ - Christus Victor - fights against and triumphs over the evil powers of the world, the 'tyrants' under which mankind is in bondage and suffering, and in Him God reconciles the world to Himself.

~ *Gustaf Aulén (Christus Victor, 1931)*

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Cross as Moral Influence – Christus Exemplar

The Son of God took our nature, and in it took upon himself to teach us by both word and example even to the point of death, thus binding us to himself through love.

...Our redemption through the suffering of Christ is that deeper love within us which not only frees us from slavery to sin, but also secures for us the true liberty of the children of God, in order that we might do all things out of love rather than out of fear - love for him that has shown us such grace that no greater can be found.

~ Peter Abelard (1079-1142 AD)

Theological Errors throughout history about Jesus

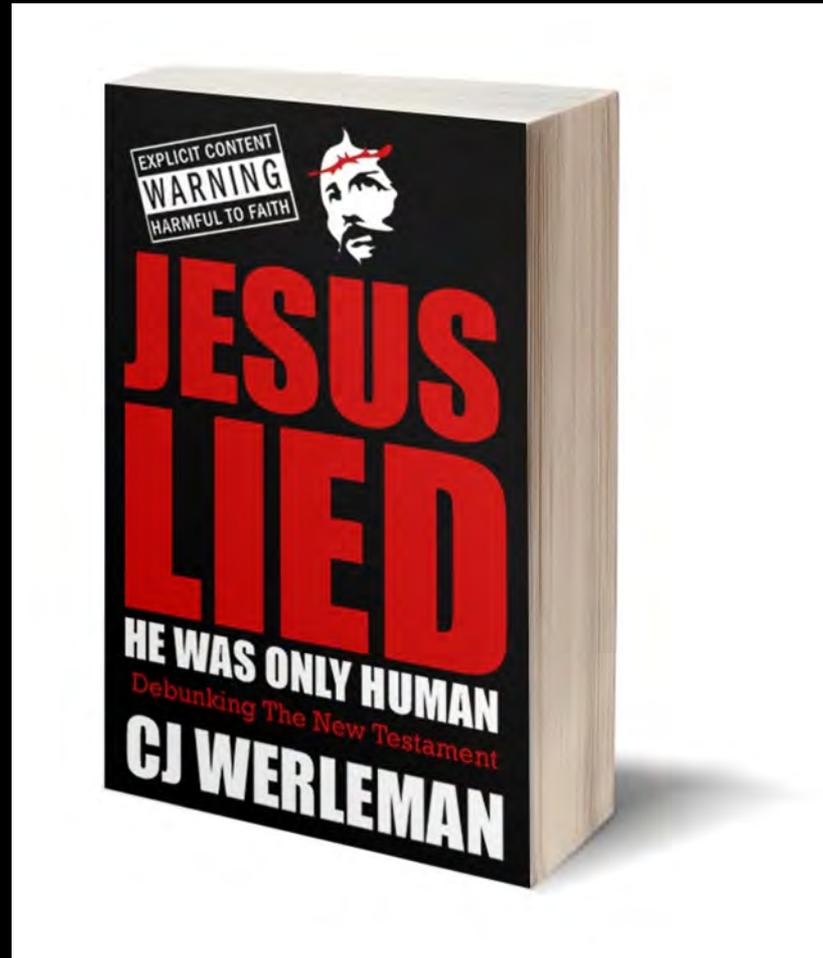
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The Cross of Jesus: His Glory, His Humiliation and Our Example!



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For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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²⁷ “Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say?

‘Father, save me from this hour’?

No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

His Glory

John 13:30-32

³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. ³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.”

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John 17:1

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the time has come.

Glorify your Son,
that your Son may glorify you.”

His Humiliation

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1 Peter 2:21-24

²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”
[Isaiah 53:9]

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

His Humiliation

Hebrews 12:1-6

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

His Humiliation

Hebrews 12:1-6

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

[Proverbs 3:11, 12]

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Tortured *for* Christ



Richard Wurmbrand
Founder of The Voice of the Martyrs

"In solitary confinement, we could not pray as before. We were unimaginably hungry; we had been drugged until we acted like idiots. We were as weak as skeletons. The Lord's Prayer was much too long for us—we could not concentrate enough to say it. My only prayer repeated again and again was, 'Jesus, I love You.' And then, one glorious day I got the answer from Jesus: 'You love me? Now I will show you how I love you.' At once, I felt a flame in my heart, which burned like the coronal streamers of the sun. The disciples on the way to Emmaus said that their hearts burned when Jesus spoke with them. So it was with me. I knew the love of the One who gave His life on the cross for us all."



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"It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners, as it is in captive nations today. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their terms. It was a deal: we preached and they beat us. We were happy preaching; they were happy beating us—so everyone was happy."



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