

Crucified With Christ

A Palm Sunday Message

Galatians 2:20, Mark 8:34-38

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I. **Crucify Your Life (v. 20)**

- A. A choice
- B. A change

Mark 8:34-38

II. **Carry Your Cross (vv. 34-35)**

- A. Denial of self
- B. Death to self

III. **Count the Cost (vv. 36-38)**

- A. Personal investment
- B. Public identity

More to Consider

At one point early in Julius Caesar's political career, feelings ran so high against him that he thought it best to leave Rome. He sailed for the Aegean island of Rhodes, but en route the ship was attacked by pirates and Caesar was captured. The pirates demanded a ransom of 12,000 gold pieces, and Caesar's staff was sent away to arrange the payment. Caesar spent almost 40 days with his captors, jokingly telling the pirates on several occasions that he would someday capture and crucify them to a man. The kidnappers were greatly amused, but when the ransom was paid and Caesar was freed, the first thing he did was gather a fleet and pursue the pirates. They were captured and crucified ... to a man! Such was the Romans' attitude toward crucifixion. It was to be reserved for the worst of criminals, a means of showing extreme contempt for the condemned. The suffering and humiliation of a Roman crucifixion were unequalled.

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The devil once met a Christian man, and said, "Thou sayest I am servant of God. What doest thou more than I do? You say that you fast; so do I. I neither eat nor drink." He went through a whole list of sins, of which he said he was clear.

But at the last the Christian said, "I do one thing thou never didst. I deny myself." There was the point in which the Christian came out.

Charles Spurgeon

All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, all hell is terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning.

Oswald Chambers.

Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world.”

John Piper