

HIS CROSS AND MY CROSS

1. Text: Mark 14:22-25
2. In one Indian church building was a cross of cement into a cement communion table.
3. The cross is the absolute, critical, fundamental center of Christianity. As the cross of Christ is central so is it for His disciples. We have our crosses too.

I. His Cross

1. Mark 14:22-25 "The invitation to supper"
 - A. Centrality of His death. Only memorial: to remember His death.
 - B. Covenant. Blood of "new" one (Luke 22:20) What? Arrangement, contract. Earlier one? Exodus 24:8 and Moses. Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Hebrews 8:8-12) speaks of the new covenant.
 - C. Sacrificial substitute. In context of Passover. Exodus 12 has saved by lamb's blood. I Corinthians 5:7 "Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." Matthew 26:28 This is My blood of the covenant which is shed for the remission of sins.
2. Mark 14:32-36 "The secret in the Garden"
 - A. Notice emotions of Jesus:
 - B. Monstrous error: Christ was afraid to die. Were His disciples better than he was? All during ministry showed courage.
 - C. Key? What is the cup? See Job 21:20 "Drink of the wrath of the Almighty." Isaiah 51:17 "The cup of His fury." Jeremiah 25:15 "This cup of fury from My hand." Revelation 14:10 "The cup of His indignation." The cup was the regular symbol of the Lord's wrath, divine judgment.
 - D. "Everything is possible for you." But this was not. Christ had to take the cup of wrath.
 - E. He never rebelled and left the garden victorious.
3. Mark 15:33-37 "Forsaken by God"
 - A. Is this the most amazing statement in Scripture?
 - B. When was it said? At noon when dark after three hours of suffering.
 - C. What was said? Stress each idea. (Leave, abandon, desert)
 - D. Why was it said? Three wrong answers: unbelief, forsaken "feeling," cry of victory.
 - E. Real answer: straight-forward cry of dereliction. The whole person suffered. I Peter 2:24 "He bore our sins in His body on the tree." II Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us."

II. My Cross (Luke 9:23)

1. Decision and desire. "If you desire"
2. Denial. "Let Him deny Himself"
3. Duty "Take up His cross"
4. Direction "Follow Me."
5. Day by day "Take up cross daily"

Conclusion:

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