



Were You There?

Acts 2:22-24

I've always loved the old _____ song, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" When I think of the cruelty of the scourging and the crucifixion, I become _____ and ask "how could they treat an innocent, good person like that?" I look at myself and I wonder how my Lord could love me; love me enough to bear such agony for my _____. I'm utterly _____ that He loved me so much and was willing to redeem me with His blood; yet, I'm _____ for all my sins.

I hope we never _____ Calvary. Today we will take a _____ look at the cross in the four gospel accounts, inspired by the Holy Spirit, as they describe the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus.

They found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name and they compelled him to _____ Christ's cross. When they came to a _____ called Golgotha, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not _____. Two others, criminals, were led away to be put to _____. They crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left; and Jesus said, "Father, _____ them, for they know not what they do."

Pilate wrote an inscription and put it on the _____. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the _____ of the Jews." The chief priests asked Pilate to write, "He _____ I am the King of the Jews," but Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." Standing by the cross of Jesus was His _____ and when He saw the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Behold your son," and to the disciple He loved, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own _____.

Those who _____ by derided Him. The chief priests and the scribes and elders _____ Him. The robbers who were crucified with Him _____ reviled Him. From the sixth hour there was _____ over all the land until the ninth hour. About that hour Jesus cried out with a _____ voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then Jesus called out "Father, into your hands I commit my _____."

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "This man was _____!" The curtain of the _____ was torn from top to bottom. The earth _____, rocks were split, tombs were opened. The centurion and others were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the _____ of God!" The death of Jesus was _____ any execution ever known; He was innocent, but He bore the sins of the _____. Peter speaks of the remarkable _____ and inner strength of the Lord Jesus in His suffering (1 Peter 2:21-25).

The veil in the temple was _____ from top to bottom and that suggests that God's own hand had torn it in _____. The veil separated the Holy Place _____ the Holy of Holies; and once the veil was torn, that place ceased to be separated or holy. In His death the Lord Jesus opened a new and living _____ to enter the Holy of Holies (Hebrews 9:12).

You were there when they crucified the Lord, not physically but _____. Jesus died for you to _____ you from sin. He died so you could be reconciled to God in a _____ covenant, so you could have a _____ relationship with God that would last forever.