ONE! "Jesus Died for the One": Revelation 5:1-12 April 9, 11-12, 2014: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Our goal today is to honor the intentional, voluntary, substitutionary death of Jesus on the cross.

• The death of Jesus was intentional.

"His face was set toward Jerusalem." Luke 9:53 *Matthew* 16:21

- The death of Jesus was voluntary. John 10:14, 17-18
- The death of Jesus was a substitutionary death.

"What if we could ask the people in the Bible: 'Was it worth it?'" Anne Graham Lotz

There is a lower story...and there is an upper story behind every Bible story and every one of our stories.

I. We Worship Jesus Because He Was Slain for Us.

Matthew 26:38, Luke 22:44

"Let this cup pass from Me." Matthew 26:39

The cup Jesus had to drink was the spiritual agony of bearing upon Himself the sins of the world; yours and mine.

"The cup of ruin and desolation." Ezekiel 23:33

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me!" Matthew 27:46

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us." Galatians 3:13

"For our sake He was made Him to be sin, who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

II. We Worship Jesus Because He Ransomed Us.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of <u>Christ</u>, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." 1 Peter 1:18-19 NLT

ONE Prayer

This week is Passion Week, the week we remember the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior. Next week we will celebrate His victory over death, but this week, we will focus on His sacrifice. Sacrifice did not come easy, even for our Lord.

"And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this **cup** pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."" Matthew 26:29

So we should not expect sacrifice to come easily for us, either. However, like Jesus said to The Father, "nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Each day this week as you pray, spend time before God telling Him how grateful you are that He loves you so much that He gave His son over to a brutal death to prove His love and to make it possible for you to spend eternity with Him. Go before Jesus and remember His suffering and death and His submission to The Father, even unto death.

Think of the ONE you have been praying to know Jesus and ask God to draw them to Himself this Easter. Pray they will know that Jesus gave everything He had out of love for them.

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

ONE Campaign Silent Auction 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 20

The Link percent the lake

The Link across the lake

Some of our middle and high school students are using their artistic talents to contribute to The ONE Campaign. Works of art will be held for auction. Pictures will be displayed on the student ministries website (myBEministry.com) for two weeks prior to the auction. You can place a bid online from April 7-19, or come to the silent auction on Easter Sunday, where you will be able to see the pieces in person. For more information, email Lyndsey at Irich@savannahchristian.com.

Blitz and Element Summer Camps Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11

Camp Kulaqua in High Spring, FL

This year's middle and high school summer camps will take place at a great new venue. It will be an exciting week of fellowship, games, teaching and lots of fun. It's an amazing time of spiritual growth. Pay the camp fee at SavannahChristian.com. Last year, 47 students were able to attend camp because people in our church gave to the scholarship fund. For information about making a contribution, email Lyndsey at Irich@savannahChristian.com.

2014 Giving and Attendance Through March

Average Weekly Attendance: 8,507 Year-to-Date: General Giving: \$3,728,089 Faith Promise (Global Outreach): \$285,884 Online and Connection Kiosk Giving (29% of total giving): \$1,374,225 Transfers and Baptisms: 288