

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

“The Heroic Death of Jesus Changes Everything”, Mark 15:16-25

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I. The Cross Changes Everything, Because it Is the Ultimate Expression of Love.

Matthew 27:11-56; Mark 15:1-41; Luke 22:63 - 23:49; John 18:28-19:30; Colossians 1:20 NIV

Jesus endured the punishment of the cross, so that we could be reconciled to God.

Jesus willingly volunteered to go to the cross to be the perfect sacrifice that would pay for the sins of the world. *Romans 5:6-8 NIV*

Jesus loves undeserving people!

II. The Cross Changes Everything, Because it Is the World’s Greatest Sacrifice.

Murder is where someone breaks the law and steals your life from you. A sacrificial death is a willing gift of love. *John 10:17-18 NIV; 2 Corinthians 8 9 NIV*

Jesus embraced the poverty that sin brings on us, so that we could experience the blessing that grace brings through Him.

Isaiah 53:4-6 NIV84; 2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

III. The Cross Changes Everything, Because it Is the Final Solution for Sin. *1 Peter 3:18 NIV84*

Most people think they are morally above average, because they compare themselves to the worst people they know. *Romans 3:23; Hebrews 10:10 NIV*

Jesus designed baptism to be a powerful testimony to what happens at the cross:

- Baptism is a visual illustration of the spiritual cleansing that takes place when you give your life to Jesus. *Acts 22:16 NIV*
- Baptism is also a drama in which you get to play the part of Jesus in a re-enactment of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

John 3:16-17 NIV; 1 John 4:9-10 NIV

You can leave your sin at the cross and walk away free, because of the heroic death of Jesus on the cross.