

The Message of the Cross (Palm Sunday)

Wylie United Methodist Church
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1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Cross proves...

1. YOU ARE TRULY LOVED

Luke 18:31-33

31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. 32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. 33 On the third day he will rise again."

Mark 10:32

32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way...

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross...

John 10:18

(Jesus said) "No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."

The Cross proves...

2. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR

John 12:14-15

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, 15 "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

The Cross proves...

3. YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

Luke 23:34

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

The Cross proves...

4. YOUR FUTURE IS SECURE

Luke 23:43 "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

John 19:30 "It is finished."

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ... thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Salvation:

- Admit you're a sinner
- Believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sin.
- Confess His as your Lord and Savior.