

Things That Crucified The Lord

(Matthew 26:14-27)

(All Scripture NASB 1995 unless otherwise noted)

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A Vow That Was Easily Broken

- Peter's denial foretold.

"Then Jesus said to them, '**You will all fall away** because of Me this night, for it is written, "I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered." But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' But Peter said to Him, 'Even though all may fall away because of You, **I will never fall away.**' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' Peter said to Him, 'Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.' **All the disciples said the same thing too.**" (Matthew 26:31-35)

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- Peter's denial.

"Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, 'You too were with Jesus the Galilean.' But **he denied it** before them all, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.'

When he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' And again he **denied it with an oath**, 'I do not know the man.' A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away.' Then **he began to curse and swear, 'I do not know the man!'** And immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, 'Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly." (Matthew 26:69-75)

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- All His disciples left him.

"At that time Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.' Then all the disciples left Him and fled." (Matthew 26:55-56)

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A Vow That Was Easily Broken

- Do we make promises to the Lord that we don't keep? Are we walking according to the flesh or the Spirit?

"Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace." (Romans 6:11-14)

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A Vow That Was Easily Broken

- Do we make promises to the Lord that we don't keep? Are we walking in His light?

"Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him." (Colossians 3:5-10)

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A Watch That Was Not Kept

► Disciples in the Garden.

"They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, 'Sit here until I have prayed.' And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. And He said to them, '**My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.**' And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. And He was saying, 'Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.'" **(Mark 14:32-36)**

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A Watch That Was Not Kept

► Disciples in the Garden.

"And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? **Keep watching and praying** that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. And He came the third time, and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!'" **(Mark 14:37-42)**

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A Watch That Was Not Kept

► Have we failed to "watch and pray"?

◦ Stand firm and act like men.

"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." **(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)**

◦ Be faithful.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." **(1 Corinthians 15:58)**

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A Watch That Was Not Kept

► Have we failed to "watch and pray"?

◦ Be diligent.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth." **(2 Timothy 2:15)**

"Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience." **(Hebrews 4:11)**

◦ Be sober and alert.

"Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." **(1 Peter 5:8)**

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A Kiss With No Love

► Judas' betrayal.

"Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?' And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus." **(Matthew 26:14-16)**

"The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." **(Matthew 26:24)**

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A Kiss With No Love

► Judas had seen miracles!

◦ Jesus calmed the sea.

"He said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?' Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed, and said, 'What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?'" **(Matthew 8:26-27)**

◦ Jesus walked on water.

"And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea." **(Matthew 14:25)**

◦ Jesus healed the sick and cast out demons.

"And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was." **(Mark 1:34)**

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A Kiss With No Love

▸ Judas sold out.

"...What are ye willing to give me?..." **(Matthew 26:15)**

"For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

(1 Timothy 6:10)

◦ Betrayal.

*"Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, 'Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.' Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, 'Hail, Rabbi!' and kissed Him." **(Matthew 26:48-49)***

▸ Judas was a hypocrite, pretending to be a faithful friend & disciple, yet betrayed the Lord.

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A Kiss With No Love

▸ Are we hypocrites, pretending to be a faithful friend and disciple, yet still betray the Lord?

*"You are My friends if you do what I command you." **(John 15:14)***

*"For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame." **(Hebrews 6:4-6)***

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A Kiss With No Love

▸ Do we, like Judas, pretend to love the Lord, yet continue in sin?

*"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." **(John 14:15)***

*"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" **(Luke 6:46)***

*"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES." **(Hebrews 10:26-27)***

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A Question Desiring No Answer

▸ Pilate's question.

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.' Therefore Pilate said to Him, 'So You are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.' Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth?'" **(John 18:36-38)***

*"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'" **(John 14:6)***

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A Question Desiring No Answer

▸ Pilate found no fault in Him.

*"For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over." **(Matthew 27:18)***

*"And he said to them the third time, 'Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him.'" **(Luke 23:22)***

*"When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves.'" **(Matthew 27:24)***

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A Question Desiring No Answer

▸ Many know the truth and then turn away.

*"So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?" **(Galatians 4:16)***

*"For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, 'A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,' and, 'A SOW, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.'" **(2 Peter 2:20-22)***

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A Question Desiring No Answer

- ▶ Many know the truth and then turn away.

"... fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith."

(1 Timothy 1:18b-19)

"O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge' – which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you." **(1 Timothy 6:20-21)**

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An Unjust Trial That Did Not Try

- ▶ The Jewish court. (See Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22-23)
 - Sought false witnesses.

"Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward ..." **(Matthew 26:59-60)**
- ▶ Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent, yet had Him scourged and crucified anyway.

"Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified." **(Matthew 27:26)**

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An Unjust Trial That Did Not Try

- ▶ Some fail to investigate because they are not interested in truth! They lie, misrepresent, and remain in ignorance.
- "And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled."* **(Acts 3:17-18)**

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." **(Hosea 4:6)**

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God's Eternal Plan

- ▶ Those who crucified Jesus didn't realize they were fulfilling the plan of God.

"For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." **(Psalm 22:16-18)**

"But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him." **(Isaiah 53:5-6)**

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*"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know – this Man, delivered over **by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God**, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death."* **(Acts 2:22-23)**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." **(John 3:16 NKJV)**

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Conclusion

- ▶ Peter recognized his foretold denial and wept bitterly.

"But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about.' Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, 'Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly." **(Luke 22:60-62)**

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Conclusion

- Do we recognize our own denial and hypocrisy and cry to the Lord for forgiveness?

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You." (Psalm 51:10-13)

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Conclusion

- Disciples – couldn't answer. **Mark 14:40**
- Judas – Hanged himself. **Matthew 27:3-5**
- Pilate – Coward. **Matthew 27:24**
- Jewish court – Didn't care. **Matthew 27:1; 26:59ff**

Conscience
should
have smitten
them all!

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HOW TO BE SAVED

- Hear the Word of God.

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

"Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21)

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HOW TO BE SAVED

- Believe in Jesus Christ.

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24)

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

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HOW TO BE SAVED

- Repent of Sins.

"I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)

"Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 2:38)

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HOW TO BE SAVED

- Confess Jesus as Lord.

"... that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." (Romans 10:9-10)

"Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32)

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HOW TO BE SAVED

► Be Baptized for Forgiveness.

"He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

"Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ ..."
(1 Peter 3:21)

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HOW TO BE SAVED

► Remain Faithful to the Lord.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter." (Matthew 7:21)

"Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God."
(Hebrews 3:12)

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