

Jesus Christ Crucified

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I. Introduction.

- A. You have spiritual ears and physical ears.
- B. God will be speaking to you spiritually.
- C. Text: 1 Corinthians 2:2.

II. The foundation of all preaching: Christ crucified.

- A. The one thing that all Christians agree on is that the cross is central to the religion. (Galatians 4:15)
- B. Why would so many people glory in the death of a man?
- C. The teaching of the cross.
 - 1. It is an expression of human iniquity.
 - 2. It was voluntary.
 - 3. It was because of sin. Sin brings about a penalty that Christ took for all mankind.
- D. You must come to the cross with repentance—a willingness to turn from your selfishness and sin.
- E. Many are afraid to come to Christ because they are afraid.
- F. Immorality robs you of the sensitivity to respond to Christ.
 - 1. There is the sin of greed.
 - 2. There is the sin of indifference.
- G. There are two masters—Jesus and the Devil—and we must decide which to follow.
- H. Every time we sin we are guilty of the cross of Christ.
- I. The cross is the world's greatest love story about God's love for man. God loves you. (John 3:16, Deuteronomy 7:8, 23:5, Psalm 146:8, Isaiah 38:17, Malachi 1:2, John 16:27, Ephesians 2:4)
- J. The worst of all sins is the sin of rejecting love.

Application questions

1. Why is the cross central to Christianity?

2. What things keep us from the cross? What has kept you?

3. How is God's love revealed in the cross? Where do you stand in relation to God's love at this point in your life?
