

The Road to Calvary

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A. Started in Eternity - Rev. 13:8

8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

B. Continued in History - Isaiah 53:5

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

II. The People at the Cross - Mark 15:21

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B. Soldiers - Mark 15:21-27

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22 They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).

23 Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

24 And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

25 It was the third hour when they crucified him.

26 The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

C. Thieves - Mark 15:21; Isaiah 53:12

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Isaiah 53:12 - Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

III. The Purpose of the Cross - Mark **15:29-31**

29 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days,

30 come down from the cross and save yourself!"

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Matthew 1:21 - She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

B. To Sacrifice Himself - Mark 15:32

32 Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

