

### **3—The Shame of the Cross**

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#### **INTRO:**

I. → **Mark 15:25-32**

*It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left.*

→ 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, come down from the cross and save yourself!"*  
→ 31 *In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, 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.*

#### **BODY:**

##### **1. Encountering Blame**

*Romans placed a sign*

A. Jesus faced rejection so that we could be accepted.

1) **Isaiah 53:3**

*He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

2) **THE HUMILIATION OF THE EXILE**

B. Shame keeps us from feeling worthy of being loved.

1) **Colossians 2:13-14**

*He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of  
our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and  
condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*

2) **EX-CON GETTING A JOB AT THE POLICE STATION**

## 2. Enduring Shame

*Between two rebels*

A. Jesus not only bore our sins but also our shame.

1) **Isaiah 53:4**

*Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.*

2) **THE GENERATION RETURNING FROM EXILE**

B. It is never a shameful thing to bear the name of Christ.

1) **1 Peter 4:16**

*However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed,  
but praise God that you bear that name.*

2) **GRANDPA COOKE'S DUCTAPE CROSS**

## 3. Experiencing Grace

*Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him*

A. Jesus not only forgives our sins he heals our wounds.

1) **Isaiah 53:5**

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

2) **GOOD WILL HUNTING—IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT**

B. It is only the grace of Jesus that frees us from our shame.

1) **Hebrews 12:1-2**

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.  
For the joy set before him he **endured** the cross, scorning  
its **shame**, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of  
God.*

2) **I AM YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

22 If someone guilty of a capital offense is put to death and their body is exposed on a pole, 23 you must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because anyone who is hung on a pole is under God's curse. You must not desecrate the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.

Isaiah 53:12

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.

Galatians 6:12

12 Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Hebrews 13:13-14

Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

1 Peter 2:23

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.