



Good Friday is the day when the believers would like, not only to remember the death of Jesus Christ, but also to **proclaim** it! The death of Jesus Christ upon the cross is the fundamental and the most important event toward the journey of our faith. It is not the miracles of Jesus that gave us salvation, but His death upon the cross did it for us!

So, what makes it so special for us so that all believers all around the world keep remembering, and also proclaiming His death, not only once in a year but it should be every single day in our life? It is only because He is **JESUS**! He is God, He came from heaven down here to the earth, and He accomplished His mission to the cross, to die for you and for me.

I AM FROM ABOVE

"You are from beneath; **I am from above**. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." *Jn.8:23-24*

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as **I am not of the world**. *Jn.17:14*

"My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now **My kingdom is not from here**." *Jn.18:36*

How long we would like to remember the death of someone that we really respect in our life? 7 days, 40 days, 50 days, 100 days, 1,000 days, 10,000 days?

Jesus is far more important and powerful than anyone in this world because **He is from above**! At least Jesus mentioned about that truth for 3 times and all were recorded in the Gospel of John. Jesus is **not** just a good man (just like some people said), Jesus is **not** just the founder of Christianity, Jesus is **not** just a heroic Jewish who did a great movement 2,000 years ago, but He is God and He is from above!

1: He is from above, so that everyone who believe in Him will be saved! We can **trust** Him because He is not of this world.

2: He is from above, and He gave us God's word. He spoke the **language** of God.

3: He is from above, and He had His **Kingdom** with Him.

SIGNS FROM ABOVE

MATTHEW 27 ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹ Then, behold, **the veil** of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and **the earth** quaked, and **the rocks** were split, ⁵² and **the graves** were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴ So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, **"Truly this was the Son of God!"**



The ministry of Jesus was equipped and confirmed with so many signs from above. Jesus was known as **the miracle worker**, not only from the Bible, but also from other resources. And not only miracles, there were also signs from above to establish that Jesus is from above!

JOHN 12 ²⁷ "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again." ²⁹ Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had **thundered**. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

And specially today as we celebrate Good Friday, there were signs from above that exactly happened when Jesus died upon the cross → Matthew 27:50-54

1: The veil was torn: Jesus opened a new and living way, through the veil *Heb.10:20*, Jesus as the forerunner had entered the Presence behind the veil for us *Heb.6:19-20*

2: The earth quaked: Jesus is more powerful than anything in this

earth.

That was one of the major earthquakes that happened in the 1st century at Israel and its surrounding area.

30–33 CE – An earthquake, identified in the geological strata of the [Dead Sea](#) and by Roman sources, reported by the [Gospels](#) to have taken place during the [crucifixion of Jesus](#)^[10]

Williams, Jefferson; Schwab, Markus; Brauer, A. (2011). "An early first-century earthquake in the Dead Sea". International Geology Review
[List of earthquakes in the Levant – Wikipedia](#)

3: The graves opened and then the first fruit of resurrection happened together with the resurrection of Jesus. Paul wrote: ⁸Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth *Eph.4:8-9*?

All of these events had happened to add more confirmation that Jesus is indeed **from above**!

WHY CROSS?

**Gospel of Matthew recorded
4 Times Jesus Predicts His Death**

MATTHEW 16 ²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to **Jerusalem**, and **suffer** many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **killed**, and be **raised** the third day.

²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of **the things of God**, but the things of men."

#1 Mat.16:21-28
#2 Mat.17:22-23
#3 Mat.20:17-19
#4 Mat.26:1-2



Why cross? Why Jesus did not die more peacefully?

We can simply say that crucifixion was the most scariest death sentence that happened in that day and Jesus already let the disciples know about it beforehand. Gospel of Matthew recorded 4 times Jesus predicts His death.

Reaction:

1st Prediction: Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him
Mat.16:22

2nd Prediction: the disciples were exceedingly sorrowful *Mat.17:23*

3rd Prediction: no record *Mat.20:17-19*

4th Prediction: no record *Mat.26:1-2*

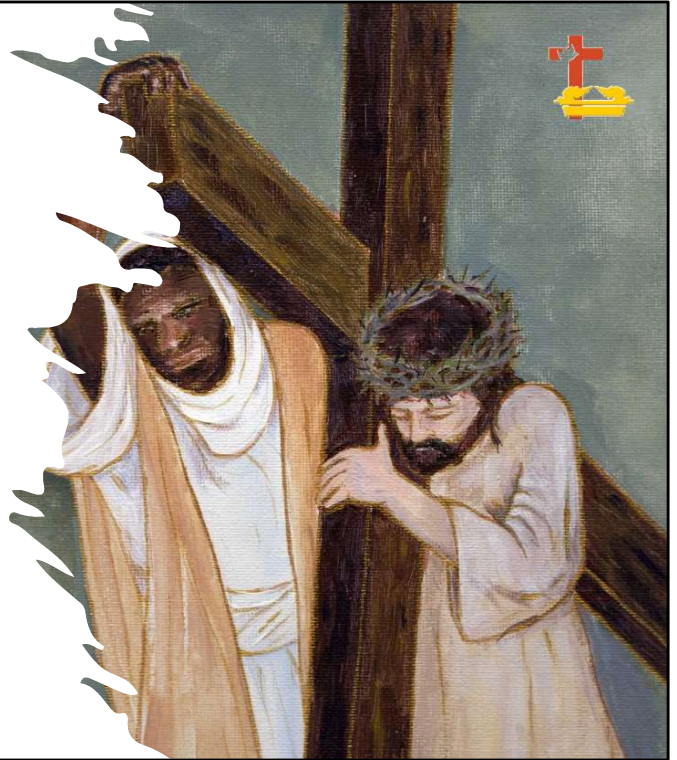
The topic of cross really disturbed and annoyed His disciples. Somehow, it was called as **the things of God**! It is already there in the mind of God from beginning.

WHY CROSS?

ISAIAH 53 ³ He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He *was* wounded **for our transgressions**, He *was* bruised **for our iniquities**; The chastisement **for our peace** *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are **healed**.



Yesaya 53:3-6 Ia dihina dan dihindari orang, seorang yang penuh kesengsaraan dan yang biasa menderita kesakitan; ia sangat dihina, sehingga orang menutup mukanya terhadap dia dan bagi kitapun dia tidak masuk hitungan. Tetapi sesungguhnya, penyakit kitalah yang ditanggungnya, dan kesengsaraan kita yang dipikulnya, padahal kita mengira dia kena tulah, dipukul dan ditindas Allah. Tetapi dia tertikam oleh karena pemberontakan kita, dia diremukkan oleh karena kejahatan kita; ganjaran yang mendatangkan keselamatan bagi kita ditimpakan kepadanya, dan oleh bilur-bilurnya kita menjadi sembuh. Kita sekalian sesat seperti domba, masing-masing kita mengambil jalannya sendiri, tetapi TUHAN telah menimpakan kepadanya kejahatan kita sekalian.

Isaiah already declared the prophecy that the Messiah will suffer very bad, and it all happen because of our sins. The whole sins of the whole world, in the past and the future was upon His shoulders. **Illust:** in the OT, one punishment for one person was 40 lashes *Deut.25:3*.

So, why cross? It is all because His love for us, the big sinners.

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From Heaven to the Cross

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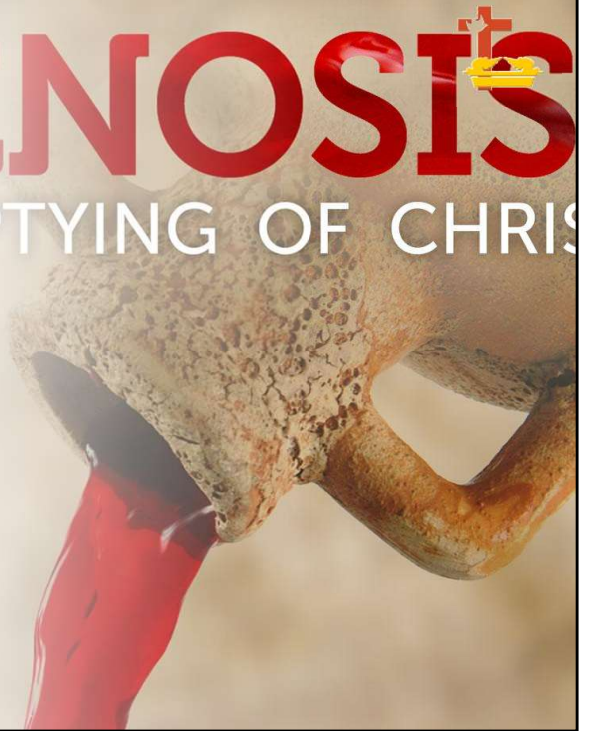
THE EMPTYING OF CHRIST

PHILIPPIANS 2 ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

⁷ but **made Himself of no reputation**, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.



Conclusion

Phil.2:5 Being Christian means that we need to have **the mind of Christ!** What is the fundamental thing about the mind of Christ? Next verse explains to us about the mind of Christ.

Phil.2:6 **NIV** Who, being in **very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

NLT did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped

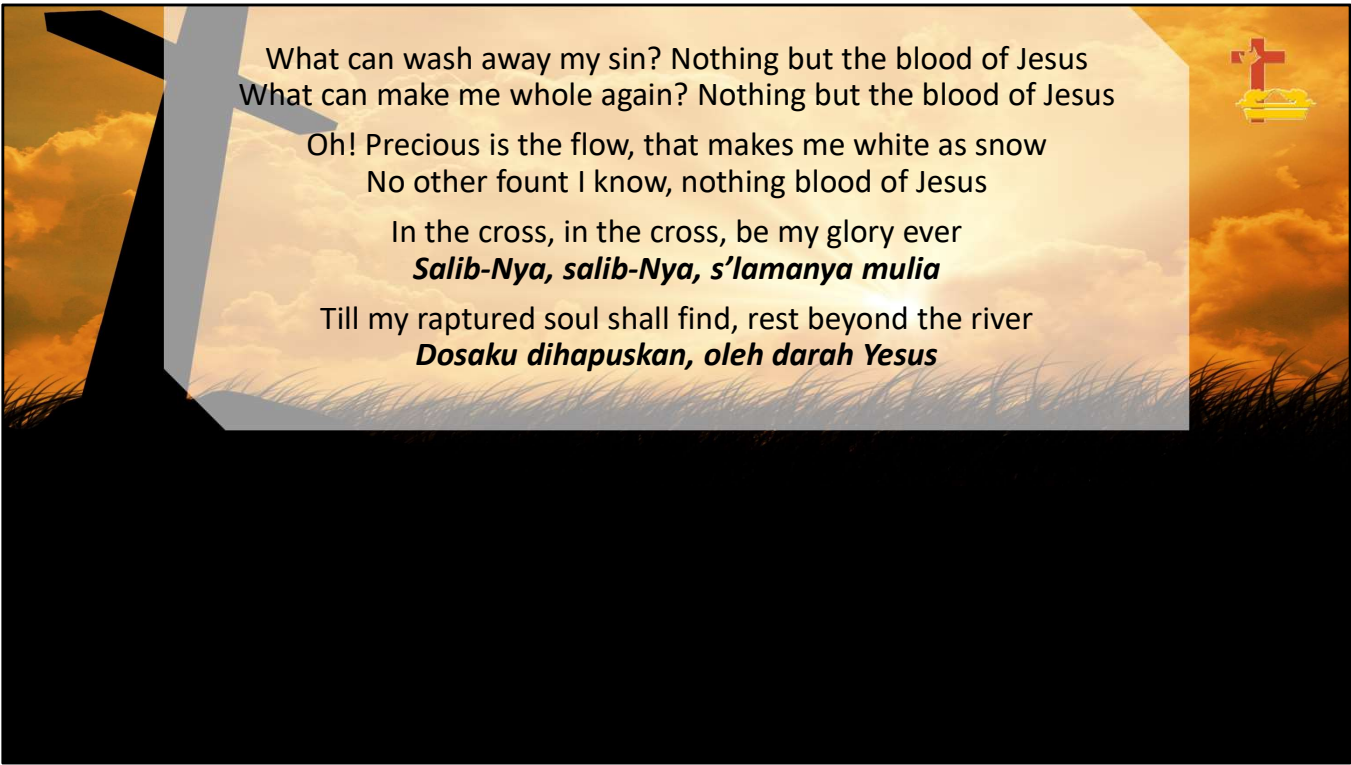
Who are we? Who am I? The spirit of competition is a dangerous thing among the body of Christ.

Phil.2:7 emptied Himself, He gave up everything! He was ready to be counted as **nothing** even He did **everything!** As the body of Christ, we must be ready to be forgotten, to be assumed as nothing, but we are not allowed to do nothing, instead we must be like a servant who willingly to do **everything!** If we desire any recognition as something, maybe we have nothing of the mind of Christ!

Phil.2:8 until the point of death

For as often as
you eat this
bread and drink
this cup, you
proclaim the
Lord's death till
He comes.
1Cor.11:26





What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing blood of Jesus

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever
Salib-Nya, salib-Nya, s'lamanya mulia

Till my raptured soul shall find, rest beyond the river
Dosaku dihapuskan, oleh darah Yesus

1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **“Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

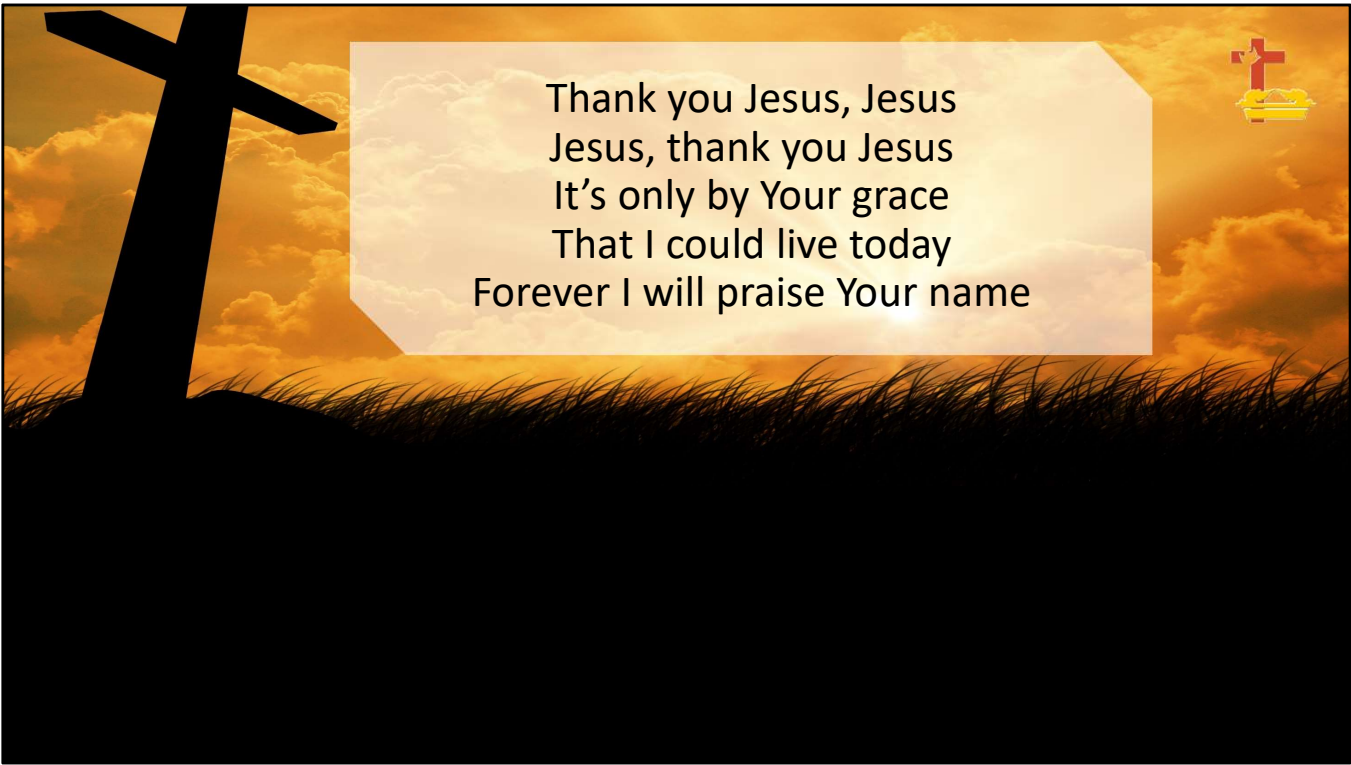
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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?



Thank you Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, thank you Jesus
It's only by Your grace
That I could live today
Forever I will praise Your name





GOD BLESS YOU!
HAVE A BLESSED WEEK WITH JESUS

See You Next Sunday!