**Series: Simple Easter**

**Today: Christ Died for You**

***Mark 15:21-38***

*21A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. 22They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). 23Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.*

*25It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. 26The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews.*

*27They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. 29Those 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, 30come down from the cross and save yourself!”*

*31In 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! 32Let 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.*

*33At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).*

*35When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”*

*36Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.*

*37With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.*

***IMAGE***

[*https://proxy.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fchristcenteredteaching.files.wordpress.com%2F2012%2F03%2Fjesus\_on\_the\_cross\_in\_storm.jpg&f=1*](https://proxy.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fchristcenteredteaching.files.wordpress.com%2F2012%2F03%2Fjesus_on_the_cross_in_storm.jpg&f=1)

*38The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died,he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”*

1. **Restore to me the awe of my salvation.**

***1 Peter 3:18***

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.*

***2 Corinthians 5:21***

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**“The cross proves that sin is not trivial, that we are valuable and forgiveness is possible.” Ravi Zacharias**

**2. Restore to me the joy of my salvation.**

***Psalm 51:12***

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

***Hebrews 10:19-22***

*[19] Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

**3. Restore to me the calling of my salvation.**

***Ephesians 4:1-2***

*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

**AMAZING LOVE -- SONG BY “GLAD” TO BE PLAYED – please find and have ready – note that this was done in UPLIFT last year in a message called “Alone in the Dark” – have lyrics on screen as song played**

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in my Savior's blood?

Died He for me who caused His pain!

For me who scorned His perfect Love

Amazing love! How can it be That You, my God, would die for me!

Amazing love! How can it be That You, my God, would die for me!

You left your Father's throne above,

So free and infinite is Your grace!

Emptied Yourself of all but love,

And bled for Adam's helpless race.

Amazing love! How can it be That You, my God, would die for me!

Amazing love! How can it be That You, my God, would die for me!

Amazing love! How can it be

Amazing love! How can it be

Boldly I come before your throne

To claim your mercy immense and free,

No greater love will there be known

For O my God, it found out me!

Amazing love! How can it be

That You, my God, would die for me!

Amazing love! How can it be That You, my God, would die

That You, my God, would die

That You, my God, would die for

Amazing love Amazing love