

When I Survey The Cross

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➤ Intro:

- **song:** When I Survey The Cross – song before LS
- **Lessons we learn when surveying the cross!**

➤ Jesus was a real, flesh and blood, human being! – learn about yourself when surveying the cross

- **Heb. 2:14, 17** made like his brethren (us) so He could save us
 - **Phil. 2:5-8** equality with God not grasped, emptied Himself, left heaven, came to earth in flesh, obedient to death on the cross

- - **Heb. 2:18; 4:14-16** was **tempted** in all ways as we are, **aid**, as our sympathetic high priest
 - **illus.:** temptation on Satan on mount, after fasting 40 days and nights, defeated with Scripture
 - **Jesus knows and understands – our advocate, throne of God**

- - **Jn. 11:35** (Lazarus' death) Jesus wept – Jesus had **feelings** like you do
 - **Did it hurt Jesus' feelings** when Peter denied Him? – when people **rejected** Him? – **nailed to cross?**

- - **Since Jesus was a man, in the flesh, you learn a great deal about yourself when surveying the cross!**
 - remainder of lesson explores what you learn from the cross

➤ When you survey the cross, you learn what it means to love God, and obey!

- **Heb. 5:7-9** Jesus: prayers, loud crying, learned obedience, cross

- - **illus.:** **Lk. 22:41-44** garden, prayer 3 times, not drink cup but Lord's will, sweat as blood

- application:

- you have a **cross to bear – deny self and follow Jesus** – What is your cross?

- - **Heb. 12:1-2, 3-4** not grow weary, even to death

- you have a particular **lot in life** with different **trials**, which you **faithfully endure – love, obey**

- **illus.:** chronic illness, raised in broken homes, poverty, inner city violence, fight false doctrines

- **Are you bearing your cross? – faithful till death**

- **illus.:** **#286** Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone – you bear Jesus' cross when you bear your cross

- When you survey the cross, **you learn what it means to be strong and brave – courageous!**
 - **Jn. 19:1-7, 16-18, 28-30** scourging, crucifixion, death – reflects **Jesus strength, bravery, to obey**
- 2 - **PP illus.: real crucifixion**, not scourged and not as severe, Jesus' many times greater, but can see **fear, pain** – Philippine man crucified during annual lenten rites in San Fernando city
 - **application:**
 - **Jesus made Himself** do the things He didn't want to do, obeyed – **ditto you, every Christian**
 - **illus.: song # 564, Follow Me** – **Jesus suffered much more than you** – **cf. your problems to His**
 - **you occasionally come to a crossroads** in life, must be strong and brave to do the right thing
 - **illus.:** stand up against a **bully** at school, come forward and **confess** sin, decide to **quit a sinful job, suffer alienation** from family and friends as a result of obedience, **persecution from governments**
 - **illus.:** **Allan, college**, strayed from the truth, graduated, headed for Boston Conservatory with assistantship, knew would continue in sin, decided to return home, about minimum wage at McD, life turned around quickly, ran a business in Leesburg, became a gospel preacher
 - **God gives you the strength and peace of mind.** . . . (Eph. 3:16-20; Phil. 4:4-9)
- When you survey the cross, **you learn what it means to love people!**
 - **Ja. 2:8** fulfill **royal law, love neighbor**
 - **Mk. 12:30-31** **two greatest commands:** love God, love neighbor as yourself
 - **Mk. 5:44** **love enemy, pray for those who persecute you**
 - **illus.: Jesus on the cross**
 - **parents:** Jesus to **mother** upon cross, made arrangements for her care
 - **the lost:** Jesus **died for the lost** – **concerned for thief on the cross**
 - **enemies:** Jesus **prayed for enemies** who crucified Him, **while dying for their sins**
- - **application:**
 - **Jesus shows us how to be a self sacrifice and to serve others**
 - **Rom. 12:1, 10-11, 14-16a, 17-20** **living sacrifice, serving brethren, serving enemies**
- - **Rom. 15:1-3** **serving others as Christ served you** – **died for you**
- When you survey the cross, **you learn how lost you are without Christ!**
 - **1 Jn. 4:8-10** God sent **Jesus** to **die on cross, propitiation** for your sins – **need Savior**
 - **Lk. 19:10** **Jesus** came to **seek and save the lost**
 - **impossible to be saved without Jesus** – **hopeless**
- - **application:**
 - **1 Pet. 1:18-19** **understand how “bad” sin is** by understanding the price of forgiveness
- - **1 Cor. 6:19-20** **not your own, bought**, therefore **must glorify God in your body**
 - **Rom. 6:16-18** **as a slave of righteousness**, rather than a slave of sin
 - **understand “need” Christ** – **show in actions and words**

➤ **When you survey the cross, you learn how bad hell is, and how great heaven is!**

- **thought questions:**

- **How great a reward** will God give those who obey Jesus, having given His only Son to die on the cross to save us?

➤ - **How bad is the punishment** for those who reject Jesus, after He paid the supreme price to save them?

- **answers:**

➤ - **Heb. 10:26-31** if reject Jesus, God's **fury** is all you have to look forward to

- **God gave His Son** to save me, **if you reject**, all that remains is **horrifying punishment**

➤ - **Heb. 12:22-23, 25, 28, 29** faithful rewarded in **unshakable kingdom** of God, **unfaithful punished**

Summary / Inv.

- **PP:** review

➤ - **Are you bearing your cross – denying self and following Jesus?**

- **Will you be rewarded in God's kingdom, or punished for eternity?**

- **inv.:** #286 **Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone**