



# Sermon Growth Guide

**April 4, 2021**

**To Give His Life - He Gave His Life**

**John 19:17-30**

**Key Verse:** John 19:30 “When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

**Big Idea:** Jesus paid what we could not pay to fix what we could not fix.

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## Foundations

The presence of evil is self-evident. We continue to ache over the tragedies in Atlanta and Boulder. The world hurts and we cry out for a cure. If there is a cure, what is it and how much will it cost us?

Our Scripture this week speaks not to a what, but to a who. The Apostle John writes, “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins,” (1 John 4:9-10).

In the final analysis, it's not so much the far off (or near) gunman that is the immediate root of harm around us, it's us, it's you and me. Culturally, it's easy to downplay our sin and ignore God's holiness and presume we're “good enough,” but in Christ we are reminded that our sin is worse than we allow ourselves to imagine. But praise be to God, who reminds us that we are loved to the fullest in Christ—on the cross Jesus paid what we could not pay to fix what we could not fix.

The best news of all is that the gospel not only rings true, but is true, truly true! Christ is not dead, He is risen!

In Christ, your sins are forgiven, you are empowered to walk as a child of God, and you are filled with the very hope of heaven.

O, may you feel the life of the Resurrection this day and every day!

## Understanding God's Word

Why do the chief priests protest in verses 19-22?

What prophecy is fulfilled in verses 23-24? Discuss Jesus' final interaction with His mother in verses 25-27.

## Applying God's Word

On the cross Jesus paid what we could not pay to fix what we could not fix.

One common error we make in responding to God is to try and earn or pay back God's free gift of salvation. Take time to discern areas in your life where you may be replacing the grace of God and the salvation of God with your own sense of self-saving, of self-sufficiency.

Pray with one another, asking God to give you hearts that understand and live out of the true grace of God. Consider how you may behave differently if you were to move from a posture of self-sufficiency to Christ-sufficiency. How will this effect your pursuit of God on a daily basis this week?

## Witnessing God's Word

In John 20, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and instructs her to share the good news of the Resurrection. What a joy to have such precious news to share with someone. Who can you share this good news with this week?