

Salvation: Jesus' Death
(Hebrews 2:9)

Introduction:

1. Two questions asked by Jesus, recorded in Matthew 16:26, indicate that a person's soul is his most valuable possession.
2. Since our souls are so precious, saving them is extremely important.
3. Last week we began a series of lessons relating to "salvation."
4. Our first lesson was a study of "God's grace" [kindness or favor that God extends to people, even though we do not deserve it].
5. Today we are studying another important subject that relates to salvation: "Jesus' death."
6. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. JESUS SUFFERED GREATLY WHEN HE DIED
 - A. Jesus knew in advance what would happen to Him (Matthew 20:17-19).
 - B. Jesus was troubled before His arrest (Matthew 26:36-39; Luke 22:41-44; Hebrews 5:7).
 - C. Jesus was severely abused during His trials (Matthew 26:67-68; 27:26, 29-31).
 - D. Jesus was executed by crucifixion (Mark 15:25).
 - E. After approximately 6 hours, Jesus died (Mark 15:34-37).
 - F. The Lord's suffering helps us to appreciate how . . .
- II. GOD DEMONSTRATED HIS GRACE AND LOVE WHEN JESUS DIED
 - A. We learn from Hebrews 2:9 that God demonstrated His grace when Jesus died.
 1. The first 2 chapters of Hebrews show how Jesus is superior to the angels.
 2. According to Hebrews 2:9, Jesus *"was made a little lower than the angels."*
 3. There was a reason for this -- *"for the suffering of death."*
 4. Note: Jesus tasted death for every man *"by the grace of God."*
 5. The writer continued in vs.14-15 by showing how we are blessed because Jesus died.
 - B. We learn from Romans 5:6-8 that God demonstrated His love when Jesus died.
 1. Jesus did not die for us because we deserved such a sacrifice.
 2. He died:
 - a. *"for the ungodly"* (vs.6)
 - b. *"while we were yet sinners"* (vs.8).
 3. Paul continued in vs.9-11 by showing how we are blessed because Jesus died.
 - C. The Lord's death involved:
 1. great suffering on His behalf
 2. grace and love on God's behalf.
- III. JESUS' DEATH ALSO RELATES TO CHRISTIANS [Those who have been saved]
 - A. (1 Corinthians 11:26) When we eat the Lord's Supper each Sunday we *"show the Lord's death."*
 - B. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) We are to stand in and keep in memory the Gospel that includes the Lord's death.
 - C. (1 John 1:7) The Lord's blood that He shed in His death continues to cleanse those who *"walk in the light."*

Conclusion:

1. The passages we have examined, as well as many others, show how Jesus' death relates to the salvation of our souls.
2. In closing, let us observe from Romans 6:3-7 how we contact Jesus' death to receive salvation from sin.