

Jesus Endured the Cross  
(Hebrews 12:1-3)

Introduction:

1. As we endeavor to run the Christian race, we are to keep our eyes focused on the Lord.
2. In our lesson we are concentrating on a special point made in vs.2 -- "Jesus endured the cross."
3. This morning we presented 3 reasons why we should glory in the Lord's cross as Paul did in Galatians 6:14.
4. Understanding what Jesus went through in enduring the cross will help us to glory in it.

Discussion:

- I. JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS AS HE WAS TAKEN TO GOLGOTHA
  - A. According to John 19:17, Jesus carried His cross as He began His journey to Golgotha, the place of execution.
  - B. Eventually, Simon carried Jesus' cross (Luke 23:26).
  - C. Golgotha [the place of a skull] is also called "*Calvary*" (Luke 23:33).
  - D. "*A great company of people*" followed Jesus (Luke 23:27).
  - E. When Jesus arrived at Golgotha He was offered something to drink [*"wine mingled with myrrh"*], but He refused it (Mark 15:23).
  - F. After arriving at Golgotha, . . .
- II. JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS AS HE WAS CRUCIFIED
  - A. Jesus was crucified at "*the third hour*" (Mark 15:25).
  - B. Jesus was crucified between 2 thieves (Mark 15:27-28).
  - C. Jesus' accusation was fastened to the cross (John 19:19-22).
- III. JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS WHILE HE WAITED TO DIE
  - A. The soldiers parted His garments (John 19:23-24).
  - B. He was mocked (Matthew 27:39-44).
  - C. He asked the Father to forgive those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34).
  - D. He had an exchange with the thieves (Luke 23:39-43).
  - E. He committed the care of His mother to John (John 19:25-27).
  - F. After about 6 hours, . . .
- IV. JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS AS HE DIED
  - A. He died about the 9<sup>th</sup> hour (Matthew 27:46-50; Luke 23:46; John 19:30).
  - B. A soldier pierced His side with a spear (John 19:31-37).

Conclusion:

1. We have seen from the Scriptures that "Jesus endured the cross."
2. Let us keep in mind the point made in Hebrews 12:1-3.
  - a. As we endeavor to run the Christian race, we are to keep our eyes focused on the Lord.
  - b. Remembering what Jesus went through as He endured the cross will help us avoid being weary and fainting.