

Calvary Is a Special Place  
(Luke 23:32-33)

Introduction:

1. In these verses Luke identified a certain place as "Calvary."
2. In our lesson we are studying passages which lead us to conclude that "Calvary is a special place."
3. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. CALVARY IS THE PLACE WHERE JESUS DIED
  - A. Pilate gave permission for Jesus to be put to death (Luke 23:20-24).
  - B. Jesus was led away to be crucified (Luke 23:26).
  - C. Jesus was taken to "Calvary" where He was crucified between the thieves (vs.32-33).
  - D. According to John 19:17-18, the Hebrew word for Calvary is "Golgotha."
  - E. Calvary is a special place in that it is where Jesus died.
  - F. This brings us to our next point.
- II. GOD DEMONSTRATED HIS GRACE AND LOVE AT CALVARY
  - 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 at Calvary.
  - 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. Calvary is a special place in that God demonstrated His grace and love when Jesus died -- He made it possible for us to be saved from sin.
  - D. For our 3<sup>rd</sup> point we need to show how . . .
- III. CALVARY 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 at Calvary continues to cleanse those who "walk in the light."

Conclusion:

1. The passages we have examined, as well as many others, show how "Calvary is a special place."
2. In closing, let us observe from Romans 6:3-7 how we contact the Lord's death to receive salvation from sin.