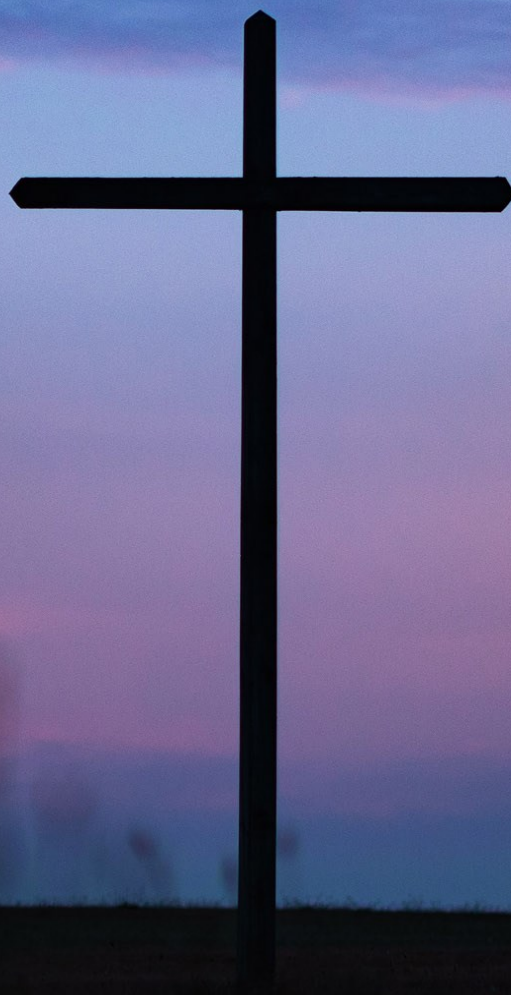


THE CROSS

FAMILY DEVOS



Behold Your Son

Scripture: John 19:25-27

Memory Verse: Matthew 20:28

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

For My Family

As we continue to look at the things that Jesus said while He was on the cross, we find something quite unique that teaches us something very important about what Jesus was like.

We have already read that Jesus had been nailed to the cross, and there was a great crowd gathered around. Some were mocking Him, some were laughing at Him, and even one of the thieves next to Him was insulting Him. But there were other people there as well. John 19:25 tells us that John, one of the disciples, Jesus’ mom (Mary), His aunt (also Mary), and Mary Magdalene (can you believe *another Mary?!)* were watching all of this take place. When Jesus looked down and saw them, He said, “Woman, behold your son,” to Mary His mother, and, “Behold your mother!” to John. Jesus was telling John to take care of Mary and make sure she was provided for after He was gone.

In the middle of His crucifixion, Jesus was still thinking about and caring for others. He was in pain and exhausted, He was being mocked and laughed at, and still He was thinking about how He could love the people around Him. He already showed incredible love and grace to the soldiers who crucified Him by asking His Father to forgive them, and now when everyone was worried about Him, He was thinking about His mom, and making sure she was cared for.

This is one of the key things to remember about Jesus: He came not to be served, but to serve others. His purpose was to show God’s love and kindness to everyone around Him, and He did that right up to the very end.

How can you serve the people around you right now? You might not be able to serve your neighbors who live in the houses close by, and you might not be able to show love and kindness to your friends at school, but you have people living with you in your house right now who you *can* serve and show the love of God to.

Today, on the day that Jesus loved the world so much by dying on a cross for our sins, let’s think of some ways to show love to those who are closest to us. Let’s remember what Jesus did, and then let’s honor His sacrifice by loving our families the way He would want us to!

Questions for Young Children:

What did Jesus say to Mary and John? What did He mean when He said this?

Did Jesus come to be served or to serve others?

How did Jesus show love to the world on this day (Good Friday) 2000 years ago?

Questions for Teens and Pre-teens:

What does this passage teach us about who Jesus is?

What are some ways that we can honor Jesus today from our own home?

How was Jesus' death on the cross an act of service and love to the whole world?