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“The Word Of Substitution”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: By examining the final words of Jesus, we will better understand His grace and mercy.

“He **canceled the record** of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” **Colossians 2:14 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

“From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?’--which means, ‘**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**’”
Matthew 27:45-46 (NIV)

What Is Going On Here?

1. Jesus Offered His Life As A Substitution For Our Sins

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” **John 1:29 (NIV)**

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was **pierced** for our transgressions, he was **crushed** for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” **Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV)**

“God made him who had no sin to **be sin** for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**

“For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God **when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life**, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being **fair** when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and **including** them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his **righteousness**, for he himself is **fair and just**, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight **when they believe in Jesus.**” **Romans 3:25-26 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. How Should We Respond?

- **Worship With Our Time, Talent & Treasure**

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him **five hundred denarii**, and the other **fifty**. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he **canceled the debts of both**. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the **bigger debt canceled**." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any **water for my feet**, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me **a kiss**, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put **oil on my head**, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, **her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little**." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **Luke 7:40-48 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

- **Resist Sin**

"Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. "Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet **resisted** to the point of shedding your blood."

Hebrews 12:2-4 (NIV)

You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything.

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

- **Tell Others About Jesus**

For "Everyone who **calls** on the name of the LORD will be saved." But how can they call on him to save them unless they **believe** in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never **heard** about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone **tells** them? **Romans 10:13-14 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

- **How will I respond to Jesus being my substitution on the cross?**

My next right step, I will:

[] Worship God with my time, talent, and treasure

[] Resist doing what I know is wrong

[] Invite someone to church

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

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Open in Prayer.

Ice breaker: Have you ever struggled with the assurance of your salvation? Why or why not? What has helped you the most?

What Is Going On Here?

1. Jesus Offered His Life As A Substitution For Our Sins

Read Matthew 27:45-46

What is going on here?

Read John 1:29

What did John the Baptist call Jesus?

Read Isaiah 53:4-5

Isaiah was written about 700 BC. How did he describe the Messiah?

How does this apply to you?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

What is the exchange between Jesus and us?

Read Romans 3:25-26

How does this describe God’s fairness and justice for all people?

What must we do in order to be right with God?

When did you make this decision?

2. How Should We Respond?

- **Worship With Our Time, Talent & Treasure**

Read Luke 7:36-48

How did this sinful woman worship Jesus?

What is the point of the analogy?

How has your forgiveness affected your worship?

How well are you worshiping with your time, talent, and treasure?

- **Resist Sin**

Read Hebrews 12:2-4

How does our focus on Jesus affect our resolve to resist sin?

If you were to measure your resolve to resist sin to the verse 4, how do you compare?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12

What is something you can deny this week to improve your walk with Jesus?

- **Tell Others About Jesus**

Read Romans 10:13-14

Who in your life would benefit from you sharing Jesus with?

Make an effort to invite them to church this week.

How will you respond to Jesus being your substitution on the cross?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.