

The Triumph of the Cross

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Jesus Prophesied His Death and Resurrection

On 5 different occasions Jesus prophesied that He would be crucified, buried, and on the third day rise from the dead (Matt.12:39-40; 20:17-19; 26:30-32; Luke 18:31-33; John 2:19-22).

Jesus knew His mission was to die for humanity. It was Christ's supreme work on earth. God's purpose could be accomplished in no other way.

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6 WAYS THE CROSS TRIUMPHS

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God is talking to Satan. He is saying that Jesus will “crush Satan’s head” (at the cross) and that Satan “will strike Christ’s heel” (at the cross).

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- **"The whole world is under the sway of the evil one." (1 John 5:19)**

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- “The ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world” (Revelation 12:9)

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- **CAST OUT: To drive or to send out, with violence**

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1 John 3:8 “The one who commits sin is of the Devil, for the Devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the Devil’s works.”

- **Root word: To loose. Weymouth: “for the purpose of undoing the work of the Devil”. To break his power, once and for all.**

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- The work of the devil is to tempt people to sin. When they sin his work is accomplished. So what the Son of God came to destroy is not just the guilt of sin but actually sinning. The Son of God came to destroy sinning.**

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- **Now how does that render powerless the one who had the power of death, the devil? It doesn't mean Christians don't die a physical death – sometimes very painful ones. Nor does it mean that Satan can't kill us (see Revelation 2:10). What it means is that the only weapon the devil can use to destroy us in death is our sin.**

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The Only Lethal Weapon the Devil Has (2)

- **Nobody goes to hell because they are oppressed by the devil or even possessed by the devil... The only reason anybody goes to hell is because of their own sin.**

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The Only Lethal Weapon the Devil Has (2)

- **All Satan can do is fight like hell to keep you sinning and to keep you away from the one who forgives sin... Because if your sin is forgiven, and the wrath of God Almighty is turned away from you, then the devil is disarmed. – John Piper -**

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- To render inactivate, inoperative.
- NAS95: “render powerless”

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- A handwritten indictment or signed confession of indebtedness, an IOU.
- Barclay: "A confessed self-indictment"

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“For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens.” Eph. 6:12

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“The accuser of our brothers... the one who accuses them before our God day and night.” (Revelation 12:10)

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Colossians 2:15 “He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them by Him.”

- **To make an example of.**
- **“To expose to public infamy”—Vincent's Word Studies in the N.T.**

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- **When a Roman general had won a really notable victory, he was allowed to march his victorious armies through the streets of Rome and behind him followed the kings and the leaders and the peoples he had vanquished. They were openly branded as his spoils.**
- **Paul thinks of Jesus as a conqueror enjoying a kind of cosmic triumph, and in his triumphal procession are the powers of evil, beaten for ever, for every one to see. – William Barclay –**

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“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ”

(2 Corinthians 2:14)

- **JESUS, knew He was going to win the victory. Before the Cross, He was paraded through the streets of Jerusalem.....who knew it was a precursor to VICTORY over His enemy, the devil!! He now continues leading us!**

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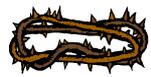
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**- HIS STRIPES,
by which we were healed.**



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**- HIS CROWN OF THORNS,
a precursor
to a crown of glory!!**



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**- HIS CARRYING THE CROSS,
through the streets of Jerusalem,
a precursor to “eternal victory”
and His triumphant procession
of the saints!!**



The Triumph of the Cross

**- HIS DEATH,
a “finished work”
to our death to self and sin!!**

 **The Triumph of the Cross**

**- HIS RESURRECTION,
a conquering hero!!**

 **The Triumph of the Cross**

**- HIS ASCENSION,
Power over this world!!**



The Triumph of the Cross

**- HIS EXALTATION,
Crowned King Eternal!!**



The Triumph of the Cross

**- HIS RETURN,
Supreme Victor
& Ruler!!!**

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