

The Crucified Lamb of God

I Cor 1:21-25; Luke 18:31-34

1. Intro

1. Last week we looked at the Holy Lamb of God
 1. A life without Jesus is an empty, futile and vain life.
 2. But there is good news, we can be redeemed from our empty, futile, vain life.
 3. He came to lead a holy life and the result of that is we can be holy to.
2. Today we look at the crucified Lamb of God.
 1. What is our attitude about the Crucified Lamb?
 2. What did His crucifixion do for us?

2. Attitude About the Cross

1. When we look at the Cross, there are two basic attitudes that we may have:
 1. Either we don't get it, or we don't want it.(18)
2. The first attitude is that of the twelve disciples. (Luke 18:31-34)
 1. He was going to be mocked, treated badly, spit upon, flogged, killed and then in three days rise again.
 1. To be handed over to the Romans (Gentiles) meant death by crucifixion.
 1. This is repeated in 9:22; 44-45
 2. They didn't get it; we don't get it.
 1. It does not fit the way we think.
3. The second attitude are those whom Paul calls the Jews and Greeks.
 1. Jews demanded signs and the Greeks seek wisdom.(22)
 2. Neither want the cross because they are looking for a God who impresses people.
 1. Either by miraculous signs, or by superior wisdom.
 1. As the miraculous signs were given, even then they didn't believe.
 2. A crucified Messiah was a contradiction to the Jews.
 1. No power or blessing, only a curse.
 3. When the miraculous happens do we then interpret the signs as either God's favor or God's judgment?
 4. As to wisdom they want a God who answers all the mysteries of the universe so that it makes sense to us.
 1. Just because we don't get something, or it doesn't make sense to us, doesn't make it not true.
 1. We may not understand the things in Physics; yet those things are true.
 2. We may not know how or why God loves us; but scripture makes it plain that He does love us.
 3. There is no faith involved.

4. Jesus and the Cross

1. Our world says that it is every person for himself.
 1. Work hard and you can have success; you are a self-made man
 2. You made a mess of things, fix it
 1. We buy into this idea that I can or must do things on my own; no need for others.
2. But foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.(25)
 1. So He sends His Son who is not for Himself, but for everyone.
 1. He didn't come to show us how to be successful, though He did show us the love and life of God.
 2. He didn't come to shower the world with awesome deeds, though He did astonish many with His miracles.
 3. He didn't come as a conquering hero, though He did rescue many from sickness, disease, and demons.
 4. He didn't come as a wise man, though He did amaze many with His wisdom.
 2. The Son of God came to go to the cross.
 1. He came to bear our sins
 2. Die our death.
 3. He came to take our place so that we could have a place with Him.
 4. The Life of the world came to die, that we who die might live again.

3. Conclusion

1. So we (& Paul) preach Christ crucified.
 1. To those who don't get it and to those who don't want it.
 2. We preach Christ crucified because that is the wisdom of God.
 3. We preach Christ crucified because that is the only thing in this world that can save.
 4. We preach Christ crucified because only in Him is there forgiveness and life.
2. Through that preaching the Spirit works in your heart repentance for your sin
3. Through that preaching the Lamb of God becomes your Lamb of God.