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The Father's and the Son's View of the Cross

Jesus' death on the cross was...

- Universally public
- Intensely painful
- A Predetermined plan
- A Satisfactory payment

Getting Started: Imagine this scenario: Mark has a temp job which pays about \$26,000 a year. Because of a business failure Mark owes the bank \$488,000. He has racked up \$47,000 in credit card debt. Make a list of how this debt may impact Mark (how does he feel, what does he think, etc.)? Make a list of five possible ways Mark might respond if someone paid his debt in full.

Digging In: Read these verses about the the public nature of the cross: Mk 15:20-21; Lk 23:35; Jn 19:14-15; Rom 3:25; Php 4:6-8. What were people doing as they watched? Read these verses about the painful nature of the cross: Mt 27:32-37; Mk 14:63-65; 15:16-19; Mt 26:38-39; 27:32-37; 27:46; Lk 22:14-16; 42-44. Imagine the spiritual and physical pain Jesus experienced. If you were painting a picture of this scene what colors would you choose and why? What words out of these verses speak about God's planning the cross: Is 53:10; Mk 10:32-34; Mt 26:2; Acts 2:23; 3:18? Why is it important that Jesus' death on a cross was planned? What words in these verses show that the cross was a satisfactory payment: Ro 3:25; 4:4-5; 5:17-21; 6:23; IJn4:10; Rev 5:9? If you were God the Father what would you have felt as you viewed this scene? If you were Jesus the Son what would you have expected from the Father (Ps 22)?

Living It Out: How would your life be different if you saw how much was paid for you to have eternal life? Look again at the five ways Mark might respond if someone paid his debt in full. Translate each of those into ways someone can respond to God for paying their debt. Personalize one of the five and share how you will practice that toward God this month.

Question 1



Question 2

