

What's It For? (The Epic of the Cross Series – Part V)

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1. For the Roman government, what was the purpose of the cross?
2. How did Jesus fit into this purpose?
3. Everyone knew this was a painful way to die. How did Jesus approach it?
4. The Romans wanted to use the cross for punishment and deterrence. Pastor Dave said Jesus used the cross for three different purposes. Read Col. 2:13-14 and talk about the role of the cross in providing **forgiveness**.
5. Even while hanging on the cross, Jesus was thinking about forgiveness. How do we know that?
6. What does this forgiveness mean to us? How is it different from the forgiveness we give each other?
7. Read Mark 8:34-37 and talk about the role of the cross in setting the stage for **following**.
8. Read Romans 6:6-14 and talk about the role of the cross in giving us **freedom**.

