

They Crucified the Lord of Glory
1 Corinthians 2:1-8, John 16:5-11

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I. Instruction to deliver the Gospel message. 1 Corinthians 2:1-3

When we share the Gospel, let it be simple, let it be Christ-centered, and let the message be given _____.

- When Paul came to Corinth, his goal was to clearly teach the Gospel of Christ without using highbrow type of _____.

Because the message of the Gospel is all about the supreme _____ of Christ and the lost state of sinful man without Him; Jesus has to be the center of our message to a lost world.

- Even though Paul was trained in the best schools of theology, he was not filled with self-confidence as he preached the Gospel of Christ selflessly. He had a healthy _____ for the Gospel.

II. Demonstration of the Spirit and power. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Sin is an Old English word used in Archery that means to miss the bull's-eye or to miss the mark of _____. **Ecclesiastes 3:11, Isaiah 59:2**

- **2 Corinthians 5:21** *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the _____ of God in Him. NKJV*

The coming of the Holy Spirit is our _____ that what the Lord said was going to happen, will indeed happen. **Ephesians 1:14**

- **Matthew 25:41** *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire _____ for the devil and his angels: NKJV*

III. Spiritual wisdom. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

"Wisdom of God"...*It is for the mature believers who are growing in their _____ of the Word of God."* (Wiersbe)

- Paul says that _____ of the **rulers of this age** knew of the hidden wisdom of Jesus, the Messiah coming to earth as a man.

If the rulers knew Jesus was Almighty, Creator God, they would have prevented the crucifixion; the sin penalty would have not been paid on the cross and we would _____ spiritually dead.

- The question that your very eternity hinges on is the question Jesus asked in **Matthew 16:15**, **"Who do _____ say that I am?"**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 2:1-3**. Discuss the way we should share the Gospel message described in these verses. *Why was Paul weak and trembling?*
Isaiah 12:4, 1 Peter 3:15, Isaiah 42:8, 1 Corinthians 1:31
2. Read **1 Corinthians 2:4**. Describe the demonstration and power seen through Paul's speaking to the Church at Corinth.
Acts 18:1-17, Romans 8:9-10, Isaiah 55:8-9, John 2:23-25
3. Read **John 16:5-11**. Discuss the three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit and how it applies to the world today.
Ecclesiastes 3:11, Isaiah 59:2, Isaiah 64:6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 12:31, Ephesians 1:14, 2 Peter 3:9
4. Read **1 Corinthians 2:6-7**. Discuss the comment made *"The Gospel is so simple, the youngest of children can comprehend it; (Jesus loves me this I know); but the mysteries of the Bible can stump the most brilliant minds of our day."*
5. Read **1 Corinthians 2:8**. *Why would it be important for Jesus to hide His identity? Did Jesus have the power to prevent His execution on the cross? If yes, why didn't Jesus stop the crucifixion?*
Matthew 26:52-54
6. *What is the significance of Paul calling Jesus the Lord of Glory?*
John 8:58, John 5:18, John 10:30, Matthew 16:13-16, Psalm 24:9-10, Colossians 2:9-10