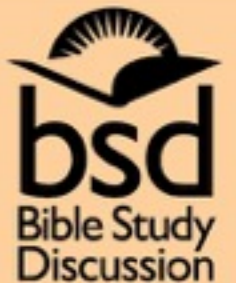


# *Journey to the Cross*



MEMORIAL DRIVE  
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WELCOME TO  
BIBLE STUDY  
DISCUSSION



2015-2016

**LESSON 24: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CROSS**

# **CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oa66\\_SWHU2I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oa66_SWHU2I)

## MEMORY VERSE

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!**



I've read the final chapter

**GOOD**

**WINS**



- **Understanding Apocalyptic Literature**
- **Why did Jesus have to die?**

# Revelation and Apocalyptic Literature:

## A MINI STOP ON THE BUS TOUR



# Apocalyptic Books of the Bible



Daniel, Revelation, Matthew 24, parts of Ezekiel,  
Zechariah, Ephesians and Hebrews



# *What is an Apocalypse?*

- **A literary genre which takes its name for the Greek word “apokalypsis” which means “revelation” or “unveiling”**
- **Apocalyptic literature emphasizes the lifting of the veil between heaven and earth and the revelation of God’s plan for the world**
- **Distinctive features include: predictions of future events, visionary experiences, journeys to heaven and vivid symbolism**

# The Function of Symbolism

- **Adds double levels of meaning**
- **Gives universality to the characters and themes**
- **Conveys complex ideas with single word or phrase**



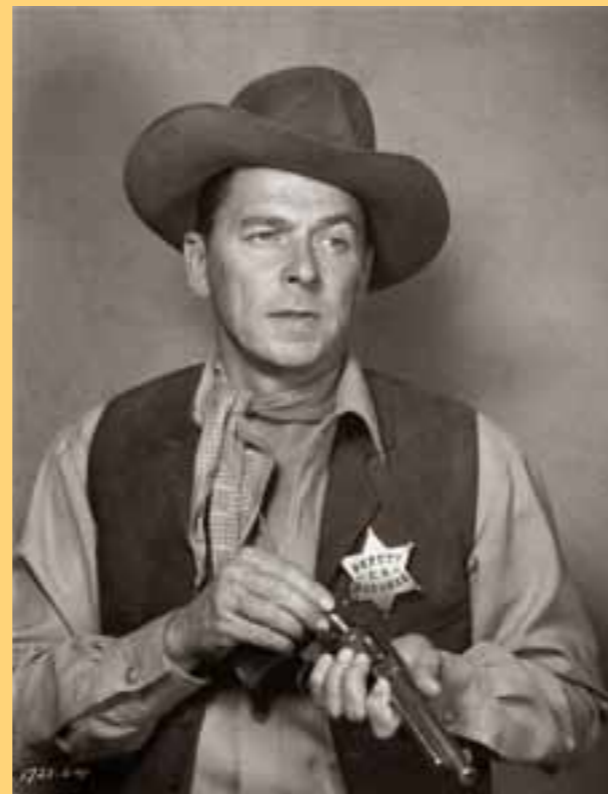
**BLACK HATS, WHITE HATS**



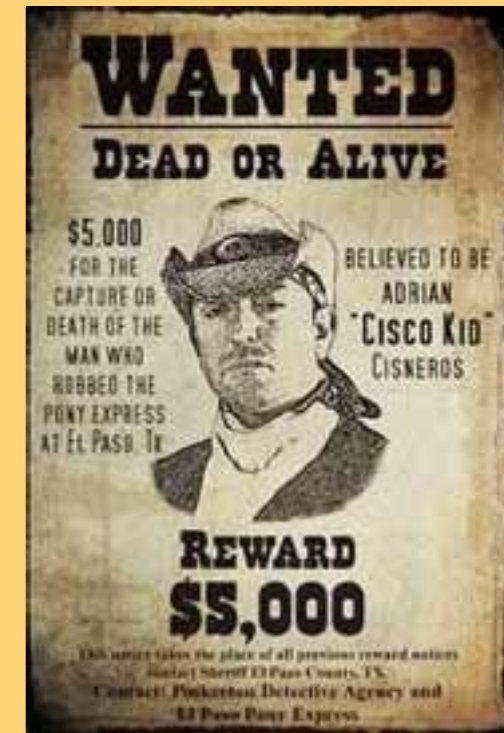
**RANGE WARS**



**SCHOOLMARMS**



**LAWMEN**



**OUTLAWS**

# Symbols in Revelation 5



The slain, standing Lamb  
with 7 horns and eyes  
Revelation 5: 6



*Jesus takes the scroll from  
the right hand of God  
Revelation 5:7*

# Revelation 5:12

v12. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive:

**POWER**

**BLESSING**

**RICHES**

**GLORY**

**WISDOM**

**HONOR**

**MIGHT**



**After reading Revelation 5,  
how would you explain  
to a friend that the cross  
is the solution to  
pain and evil?**

**or**

**Why did Jesus have to die?**

- **Real Love is a Personal Exchange**
  - **Real Forgiveness is Costly Suffering**
  - **The Great Reversal**
  - **The Story of the Cross**
- Tim Keller, The Reason for God**



## **Real Love is a Personal Exchange**

**If you take away the cross you don't have a God of love.**

**All life-changing love toward people with serious needs is a substitutional sacrifice.**

**How can God be a God of love if he does not become personally involved in suffering the same violence, oppression, pain and weakness that we experience?**

## **Real Forgiveness is Costly Suffering**

**Real forgiveness means bearing the cost rather than making the wrongdoer do it.**

**Everyone who forgives someone, bears the other's sins.**

**Jesus Christ is God, so God did not inflict pain on someone else but on the cross absorbed the pain, violence and evil of the world into Himself.**

*When He  
tells us  
to love  
our enemies,  
He gives,  
along with  
the command,  
the love itself.*

*Corrie Ten Boom*



## **The Great Reversal**

**Jesus took the place beside those who were without power and suffering from injustice.**

**“In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?” John Stott**

## **The Story of the Cross**

**Stories that affect us most deeply are those in which someone faces irremediable loss or death in order to bring life to someone else.**

# Applying the Lesson in Your Life

As we come to the end of our Journey to the Cross, what insights did you gain from our study that you can share to encourage others in their faith?



*Journey*  
to the *Cross*

