

## The Shame on the Cross

Matthew 27

35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. 36 Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. 37 And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

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39 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads...

41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying...

44 And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

"Crucifixion... was designed not merely to kill, but to utterly humiliate."

—Fleming Rutledge, Author

## The Shame in Our Hearts

At the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt and bore the weight of our shame.

Shame isn't just a side effect of sin — it's central to what sin does to us.

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Shame can be one of the most destructive forces in the human heart — because it doesn't just accuse you of what you've done; it attacks who you are (identity).

Shame eats away at your soul.

## The Shame the World Hides

1) DENY SHAME

How it shows up: "You are enough," mantras, daily affirmation

Message: "If I say I'm okay enough times, maybe I'll believe it."

Though well-meaning, self-love without a deeper foundation often can't hold up under the weight of real, lingering shame.

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### 2) REDEFINE SHAME

How it shows up: Authenticity & self-expression

Message: "You can be whatever you want to be. You do you."

In the name of authenticity, the culture tries to rewrite the rules, but the result is the same — cynicism, emptiness, and a broken soul.

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Students repeatedly described the emotional emptiness that accompanied casual [physical] encounters, even though they felt pressured to pretend otherwise. - Donna Freitas

## The Shame the Jesus Heals

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"For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame..." - Hebrews 12:2

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When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. - John 19:23

## The Shame the Jesus Heals

By stripping Jesus of his clothes, they were clothing him in Adam's shame.

At the cross, Jesus bears Adam's shame, undoing Adam's sin.

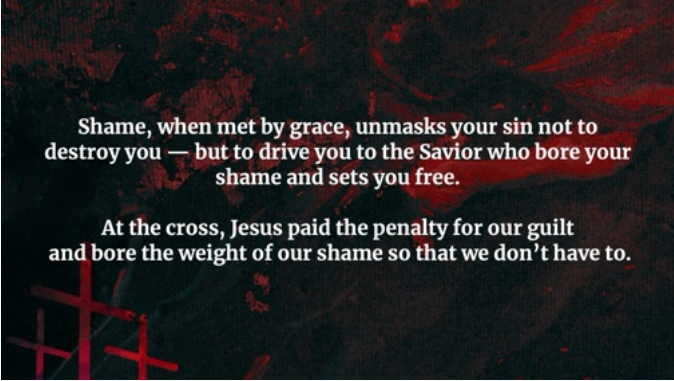
### Leviticus 16 — the Day of Atonement:

One goat was sacrificed - for sin and its guilt.

One goat was sent into the wilderness - for sin and its shame.

### Leviticus 16:20-22:

"Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness..."



Shame, when met by grace, unmask your sin not to  
destroy you — but to drive you to the Savior who bore your  
shame and sets you free.

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and bore the weight of our shame so that we don't have to.

