

## sermon notes

### What's So Special About the Cross? April 2, 2023

introduction: There are crosses on display in lots of places. Why?  
Because of the cross upon which Jesus died.

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ eternal \_\_\_\_\_ plan included the crucifixion of Jesus (1 Peter 1:18-20).
2. The Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ prophecies \_\_\_\_\_ about the Messiah included predictions of His suffering and death (1 Peter 1:10-11; Isaiah 53:3-7; Psalm 22:16; Matthew 26:58; 2 Peter 1:21).
3. The reason Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ earth \_\_\_\_\_ was so He could die on the cross for our sins (Philippians 2:5-8; Luke 19:10; Matthew 16:21; Matthew 26:2).
4. Jesus' death on the cross \_\_\_\_\_ glorified God \_\_\_\_\_ (John 12:27-28).

supplemental Scripture: 1 Peter 4:16

5. Jesus' death on the cross is the essence of the \_\_\_\_\_ gospel \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 15:3; Romans 5:6-8; 1 Peter 3:18).
6. Jesus died on the cross for \_\_\_\_\_ everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6).
7. Jesus' death on the cross is a central \_\_\_\_\_ theme \_\_\_\_\_ of those who are in the Lord's presence (Revelation 5:11-12).

personal applications:

1. If you have never done so, put your faith in \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ alone for salvation (Hebrews 2:3; John 1:12; Acts 4:12).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Tell others \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the only Savior and urge them to put their faith in Him alone and be saved (Romans 10:14-15; Romans 6:23).