

# **New Vine Fellowship Sermon Outline April 13, 2025**

## **MESSAGE: The Cross**

### **I. FOUNDATIONS:**

#### **A. THE WORD...**

**John 1:1-4 (NLT)**

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

**John 1:9-10 (NLT)**

9 The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.

**John 1:11-14 (NLT)**

11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. 14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

#### **B. LOOK TO THE SON...**

**John 6:40 (NIV)**

40 **For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."**

### **II. Review: NAZARETH**

#### **A. The Temple**

**Luke 2:46-47 (NLT)**

46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

#### **B. My Father's House**

**Luke 2:48-50 (NLT)**

48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." 49 **"But why did you need to search?"** he asked. **"Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"** 50 But they didn't understand what he meant.

#### **C. Back in Nazareth**

**Luke 2:51-52 (NLT)**

51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. 52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

## **SEVEN LAST WORDS ON THE CROSS**

### **1. FORGIVE!**

#### **A. Place of the Skull**

**Luke 23:32-34 (NLT)**

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, **"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (*Psalms 22:18*)

## **SEVEN LAST WORDS ON THE CROSS**

### **John 19:23-24 (NLT)**

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. 24 So they said, "Rather than tearing it apart, let's throw dice for it." This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing." So that is what they did.

### **B. The King      Luke 23:38 (NLT)**

38 A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

### **John 19:22 (NLT)**

22 Pilate replied, "No, what I have written, I have written."

### **C. Two Criminals      Luke 23:39-42 (NIV)**

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

## **2. TODAY!**

### **A. With Me      Luke 23:43 (NLT)**

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### **B. Noon      Luke 23:44-45 (NLT)**

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

## **3. MOTHER**

### **A. Near the Cross      John 19:25 (NLT)**

25 Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene.

### **B. Family Love      John 19:26-27 (NLT)**

26 When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." 27 And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

## **4. FORSAKEN!**

### **A. Darkness      Mark 15:33 (NLT)**

33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.

### **B. Three o'clock      Mark 15:34 (NLT)**

34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

## **5. THIRST**

### **A. Mission      John 19:28 (NLT)**

28 Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty."

**B. Sponge**      **John 19:29 (NLT)**

29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.

**6. FINISHED**

**A. Released**      **John 19:30 (NLT)**

30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, **“It is finished!”** Then he bowed his head and released his spirit

**7. FATHER**

**A. Loud Voice**      **Luke 23:46 (NIV)**

46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”** When he had said this, he breathed his last

**B. Innocent**      **Luke 23:47 (NLT)**

47 When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Surely this man was innocent.”

**C. Centurion**      **Mark 15:37-39 (NIV)**

37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. 38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

**D. Crowd**      **Luke 23:48 (NLT)**

48 And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.

**E. Friends**      **Luke 23:49 (NLT)**

49 But Jesus’ friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.

**F. Events**      **Matthew 27:50-52 (NLT)**

50 Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, 52 and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead.

**G. Jerusalem**      **Matthew 27:53-54 (NLT)**

53 They left the cemetery after Jesus’ resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people. 54 The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!”