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Pierced!  
*Luke 2:22-35*

INTRO: In speaking today about the death of Christ, I want us to look back at an event that took place soon after His birth. This event takes place at the Temple where Simeon, led of the Lord, says to Mary: "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy soul also...."

I. LUKE 2:35, MARY'S SOUL PIERCED

- A. Mary knew that Jesus had come to earth to be the perfect sacrifice for sin. She understood that the child she had borne was the only hope of salvation. She foresaw His sufferings and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:51).
  - 1. John the Baptist was born to proclaim Christ as Savior (Luke 1:69-77).
  - 2. The shepherds had been told by the angel that Jesus was born to die, born to be the Savior (Lk 2:10-12).
  - 3. Simeon saw Christ as the Lord's way of salvation (Lk 2:30).
  - 4. Mary, the mother of Jesus, saw Him as the remedy for her sin (Lk 1:46).
- B. For Jesus to be Savior, He must suffer and die.
  - 1. In John 19:25-27, we find Mary at the foot of the cross. There she saw:
    - a) His nail pierced hands and feet.
    - b) the crown of thorns.
    - c) the blood coursing down His brow.
    - d) where they had torn the beard from His face.
  - 2. The sword of suffering pierced Mary's soul as she saw Christ on the cross dying for sinners.
    - a) Vs 34a, Some will stumble and fall (1Cor 1:23).
    - b) Vs 34b, Some will rise to salvation.

II. JOHN 19:32-27, THE SIDE OF JESUS PIERCED

- A. The side of Jesus was pierced by a Roman soldier.
  - 1. The work of the soldier is an example of man's enmity. Jesus was dead; yet, out of hatred, the soldier thrusts the spear into the Savior's side. It was sin that pierced our Savior.
  - 2. The water and blood that flowed from the side of Jesus are a witness. They are a witness that God has given to us eternal life and that this life is in His Son (I John 5:7-12).
  - 3. Matthew Henry— "The blood and water signified to two great benefits which all believers partake of through Christ— justification and sanctification. Blood stand for remission; water for regeneration; blood for atonement; water for purification. The two must always go

- together” (Vo 5, 1203).
- B. John 19:35, John was an eye witness of the piercing of Jesus’ side and of the flowing of blood and water.
    - 1. John gave witness here in John 19 and also in I John 5:6.
    - 2. “In the Gospel the blood is mentioned first, as satisfying God; then comes the ‘water’ as applied to us. In the Epistle the order is the experimental one: we have to be regenerated before we have faith in the blood!” (Pink Vol 3, 250).
  - C. It is not works that save (Titus 3:5).

### III. ISAIAH 53:10-11, THE PIERCING OF JESUS SATISFIED THE JUSTICE OF GOD

- A. Our just God can only accept one sacrifice for sin, a perfect unblemished one.
  - 1. To meet His just demands, God gave His own Son to save the lost (John 3:16).
  - 2. Isaiah 53:10, the beating, the bruising, the wounding that Jesus received was for me (Isa 53:4-6; Rom 8:32-34).
- B. Isaiah 53:11, here God is speaking. The Father declares that Christ shall see the fruit of His suffering and be satisfied. Thus, the Father is satisfied.

### IV. HEBREWS 4:12, THE PIERCING OF THE SINNERS SOUL BY THE GOSPEL

- A. The word of God is living because it comes from the living God.
- B. It is energetic because of its powerful work.
- C. Penetrating - “piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit.”
  - 1. The Word of God pierces and wounds the sinner showing him his need of the Savior (Rom 10:17).
  - 2. The Word of God condemns the hypocrite (I Pet 2:21-22).
  - 3. The Word of God rebukes the saint.
- D. I am glad that the Word of God pierced my soul showing me the truth of the Gospel.

### CONCLUSION: Has your soul been pierced by the Word of God?

- 1. Sinner, believe on the Lord Jesus.
- 2. Hypocrite, flee from the wrath to come.
- 3. Saint, listen to what God says in His Word.