ENCOUNTERING THE MAN ON THE CROSS
JOHN 19:16-42

Introduction

I. HIS FINAL SUFFERINGS

A. The brutality (19:18)

B. The scorn (19:19-22)

C. The indifference (19:23,24)

II. HIS WORDS FROM THE CROSS

A. His compassion: "Dear woman, here is your son" (19:25-27)

B. His humanity: "I thirst" (19:28,29)

C. His triumph: "It is finished" (19:30)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 30 – JULY 6

Follow-throughs

This week we will read the accounts of Jesus' crucifixion from the other three gospels. As you read, what more do you learn about the brutality, the scorn and the indifference that Jesus suffered? What other insights do you gain about his compassion, his humanity and his triumph? Let these truths sink deeply into your heart, and stir even greater love for Jesus.

Monday **Matthew 27:27-44**

Tuesday **Matthew 27:45-66**

Wednesday **Mark 15:16-47**

Thursday **Luke 23:26-43**

Friday **Luke 23:44-56**

Warm-ups

Saturday **Luke 4:14-22**
How did Jesus describe his mission to the people in his hometown? Which aspects of the mission of Jesus are most evident in the work of the church today? Which are less evident?

Sunday **Luke 4:23-30**
What was it that made the people in Jesus' hometown so angry with him? Why were they so upset to hear about God's grace to "outsiders" like the widow in Sidon or Naaman the Syrian? What parallels can you see today in attitudes of people today, or in your own heart?