

The Centrality of The Cross

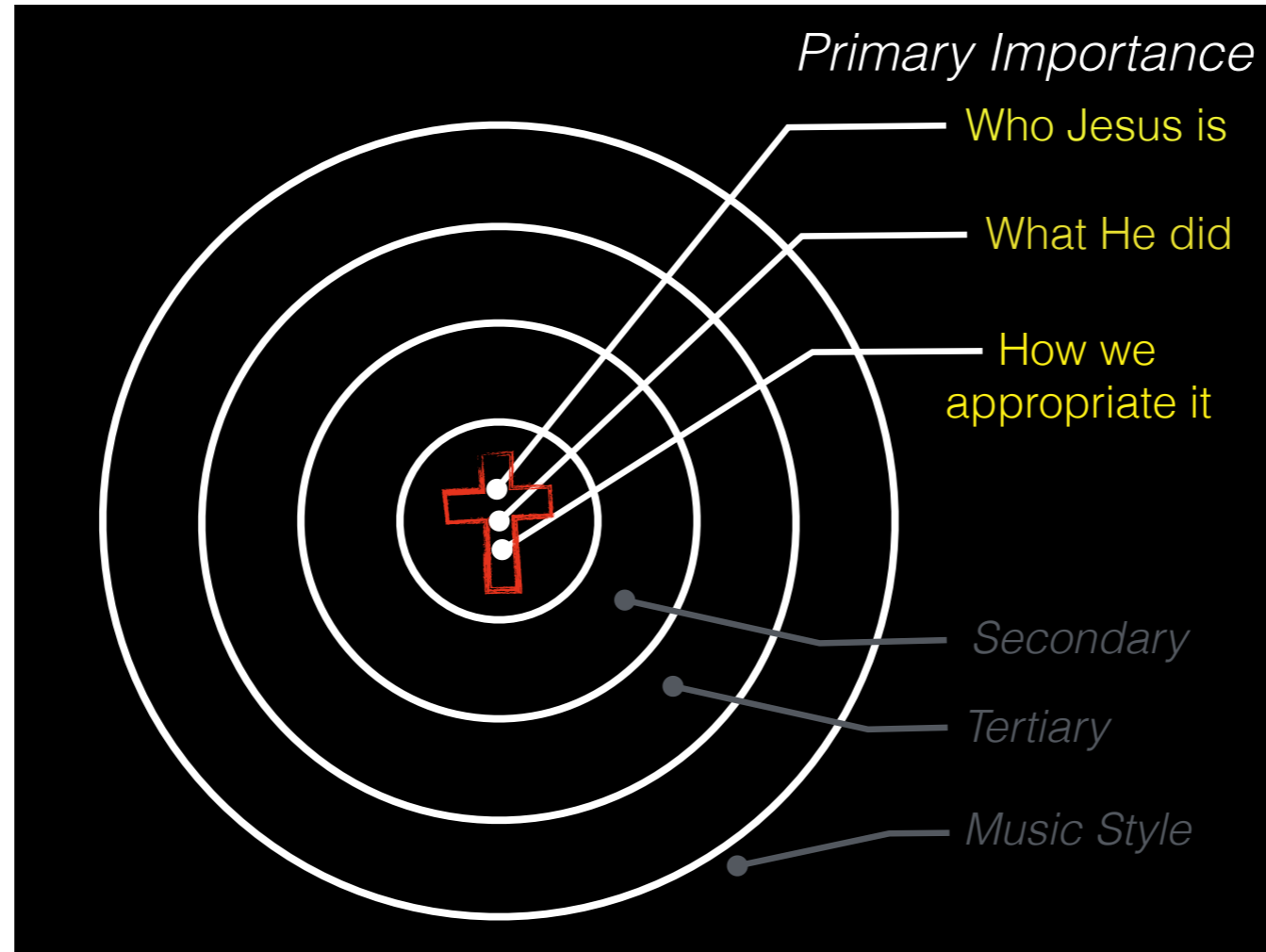
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Primality of The Cross

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,...

1 Corinthians 15:3,4

- Christ died on a Roman cross... a brutal, horrific, shameful form of execution.
- for our sins... took our penalty of death, substituted himself for us.
- according to the Scriptures... prophesied, intentional, plan on God
- He was buried... he really died and was placed in a sealed tomb
- He was raised... He was resurrected on the 3rd day... all our hopes are pinned on this.



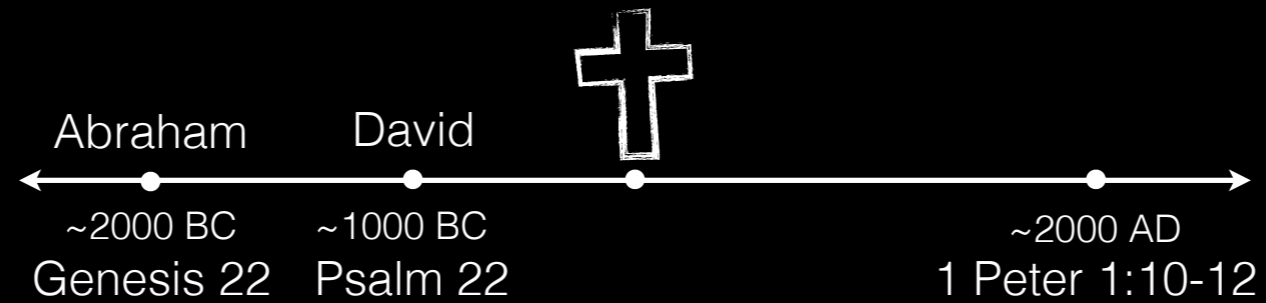
Primary: God as Creator, Holiness and Righteousness of God, Love of God

Secondary, Tertiary : Eschatological views, Gifts of Holy Spirit, etc...

Error 1 : Making secondary doctrines central (creating controversy by quarreling over words 1 Tim 6:4,5)

Error 2 : Marking primary teaching secondary (e.g.; Bodily resurrection not emphasized 1 Cor 15:12-)

Cross in History



Single Event - Hebrews 10:12

Timeless - 1 Peter 1:20, Revelation 13:8

Atheist Yard Sign : Jesus died 2000 years ago, he's not coming back... get over it. 2 Peter 3:3

Faith of Abraham : he looked forward 2000 years in time for God's provision.

Moses (~1400 BC) : Passover Lamb

1 Peter 1:24 Brevity of our life.

Revelation still portrays Jesus as the Lamb that was Slain.

Division and Duality of Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-24, 2:2

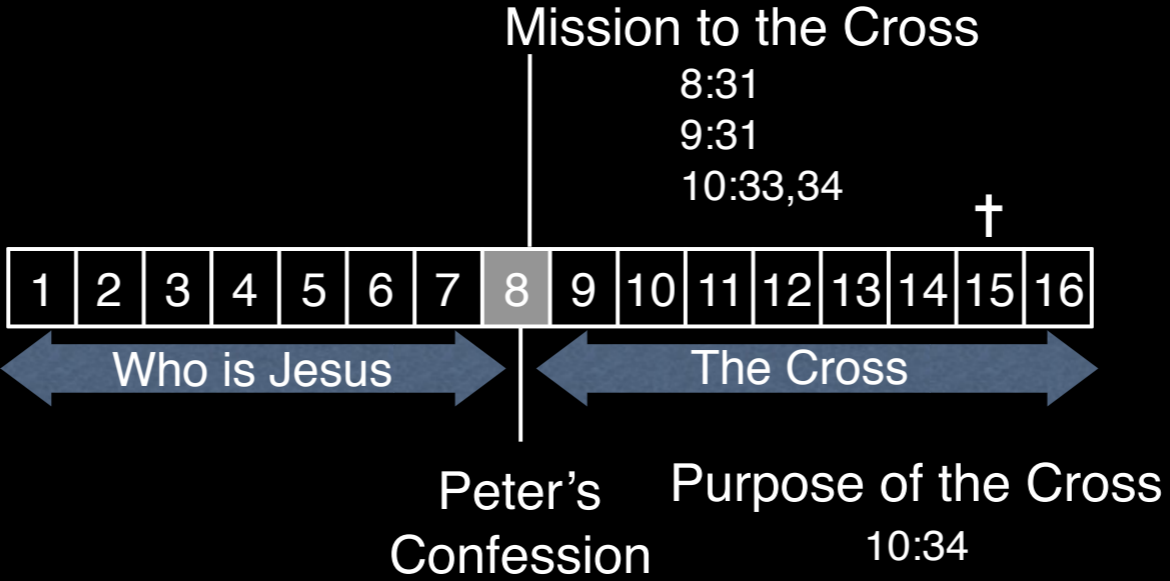
- Power and Folly 1 Corinthians 1:18-24
- Stumbling Block, Curse Galatians 3:13, Deuteronomy 21:23
- Horror, Shame and Revulsion
Isaiah 52:14 - 53:3, 1 Pet 2:23, Hebrews 12:2
- Glory, Lifted Up : Isaiah 52:13, John 3:14, 8:28, 12:32 ... double meaning of "lifted up"
- Triumph Colossians 2:15

The Center

- Who Jesus is
 - Son of God, Creator (John 1:1,2, Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1)
 - Son of Man (1 John 4:2-3, 1 Timothy 2:5), our High Priest (Hebrews 4:15,16)
- **What He did** (Philippians 2:4-11)
- How to appropriate it (John 3:16)

Why is it important that Jesus is both fully God and fully Man when it comes to the cross and payment for sin? (discuss in detail later).

Gospel of Mark



Christ in Gospels: 1/3 of synoptics (Matthew, Mark, Luke) details the events surrounding the cross. 1/2 of John's Gospel.

Reveals God's Love

- John 3:16
- John 15:12-13
- Romans 5:8
- 1 John 4:9-10