



***ALL
THINGS***

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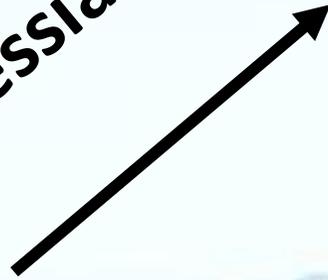
A STUDY IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Believe or Belittle?

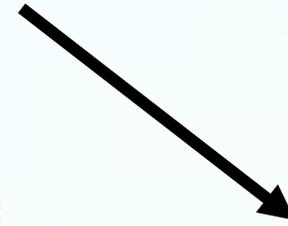
(MARK 15:16-47)

The Gospel of Mark

Jesus is the Messiah to the World



The Messiah to the World must Die



How could Jesus
of Nazareth be
beaten, crucified,
and buried?



At the foot of the
cross, what story
do you hear?
What story will
you tell?



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If we are consumed by
God's word, we will look
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amazement with the
prophets!



A group of Roman soldiers in armor, with one soldier in the foreground looking directly at the camera. The soldiers are wearing helmets and carrying spears. The background shows a building with arches.

Hear the Soldiers

Mark 15:16-25

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(Mark 15:16-20)



MARK 15:16f ... the soldiers led Jesus away ... and they called together **the whole battalion**. And they clothed Jesus in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And **when they had mocked him**, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

Jesus is beaten, receiving the wrath of man!

The Soldiers are in God's Story

(Mark 15:16-20)

MICAH 5:1 ... with a rod **they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.**

ISAIAH 52:14 ... **his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,** and his form beyond that of the children of mankind.

ISAIAH 53:3, 5, 8 ... he was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief; as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not ... **he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed**

Hear the Soldiers

(Mark 15:21-24)



MARK 15:21f ... the soldiers compelled a passerby, **Simon of Cyrene** ... **(father of Alexander and Rufus)**, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And **they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.** And **they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them,** to decide what each should take.

Jesus is stripped of His possessions and dignity!

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PSALM 22:18 ... they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots ...

PSALM 69:21 ... for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink ...

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(Mark 15:25)



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“NATURAL TIME” → starts at sunrise ... 3rd hour = 9am (crucified)

“CIVIL TIME” → starts at midnight ... 6th hour = 6am (condemned)

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What story are you hearing?

*Are we witnessing Jesus being defeated by sinners ...
or are we witnessing Jesus' defeat of the power of sin?*



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Mark 15:26-32

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(Mark 15:26-27)



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*ISAIAH 53:9,12 ... **they made his grave with the wicked** ... although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth ... he poured out his soul to death and **he was numbered with the transgressors** ...*

Hear God's People

(Mark 15:29-32)



MARK 15:29-32 ... those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in 3 days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” So also, the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

TWO TRUTHS and a LIE?
EVIL WORDS ... TRUE PROPHECIES!

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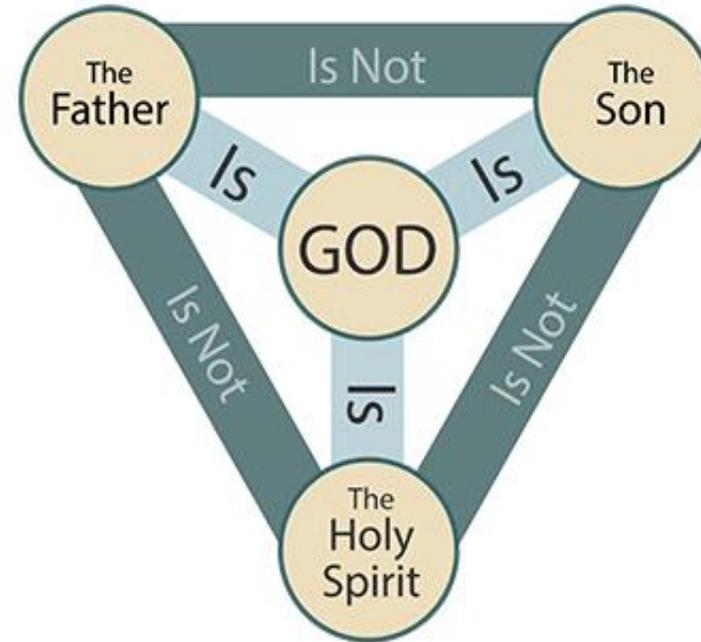
PSALM 109:25 ... I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they wag their heads.

PSALM 22:7f ... all who see me mock me ... they wag their heads; "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him ... for he delights in him!"

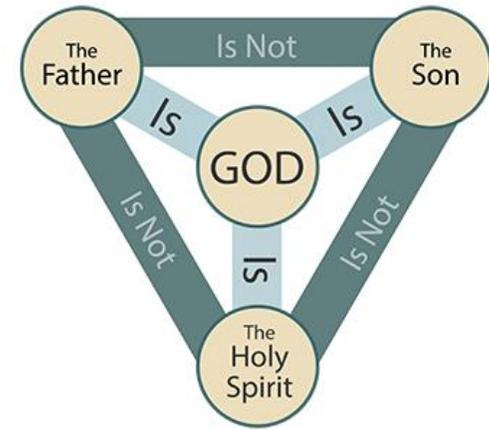
PSALM 69:7 ... it is for your sake that I have borne reproach ... I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons.

Hear the Godhead

Mark 15:33-38



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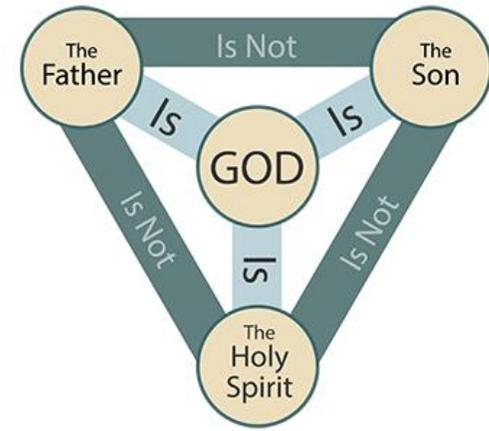
MARK 15:33 ... when the 6th hour had come, **there was darkness over the whole land** until the 9th hour ... (noon till midafternoon)

The Author of Creation “bares His arm” at midday!

*Amos 8:9f ... on that day, declares the Lord God, “**I will make** the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. **I will turn** your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation ... **I will make it like the mourning for an only son** and the end of it like a bitter day ...*

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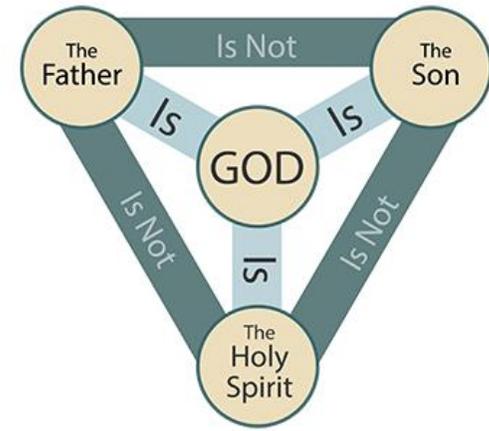


MARK 15:34 ... at the 9th hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”

The Son of God expresses the pain of “divine abandonment”

PSALM 22:1 ... my God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Hear the Godhead (Mark 15:33-38)



MARK 15:37f ... Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And **the veil of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.**

The instant the Son dies, the Spirit rips the veil of separation ...?

EXODUS 26:33 ... the veil shall separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy

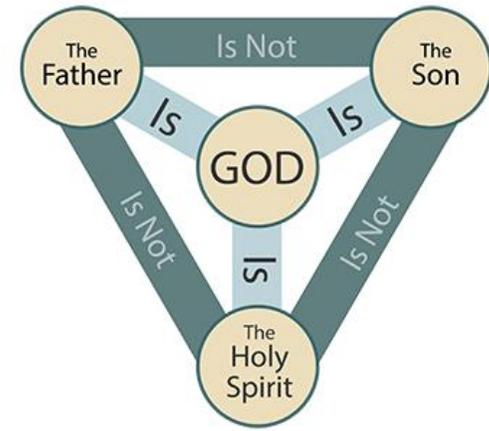
4 inches thick, 60 ft high, 30 ft long!

Required 200-300 priests to move it!

Braided for strength – 3 X 3 X 3

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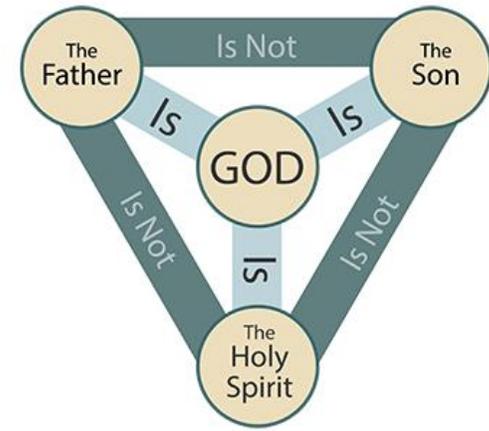


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*HEBREWS 10:12f ... when Christ **offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God ... **by a single offering he perfected for all time those who are being sanctified** ...*



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The first to declare!
What did he see? What did he hear?
What happened to his wrath against Jesus?



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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18f ... the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to (those) who are being saved it is the power of God ... Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called ... (it is) Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God!



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v43 ... **Joseph of Arimathea**, a respected member of the council ... went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus ... **Pilate granted the corpse to Joseph**. And Joseph ... wrapped Jesus in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb ... and **he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.**

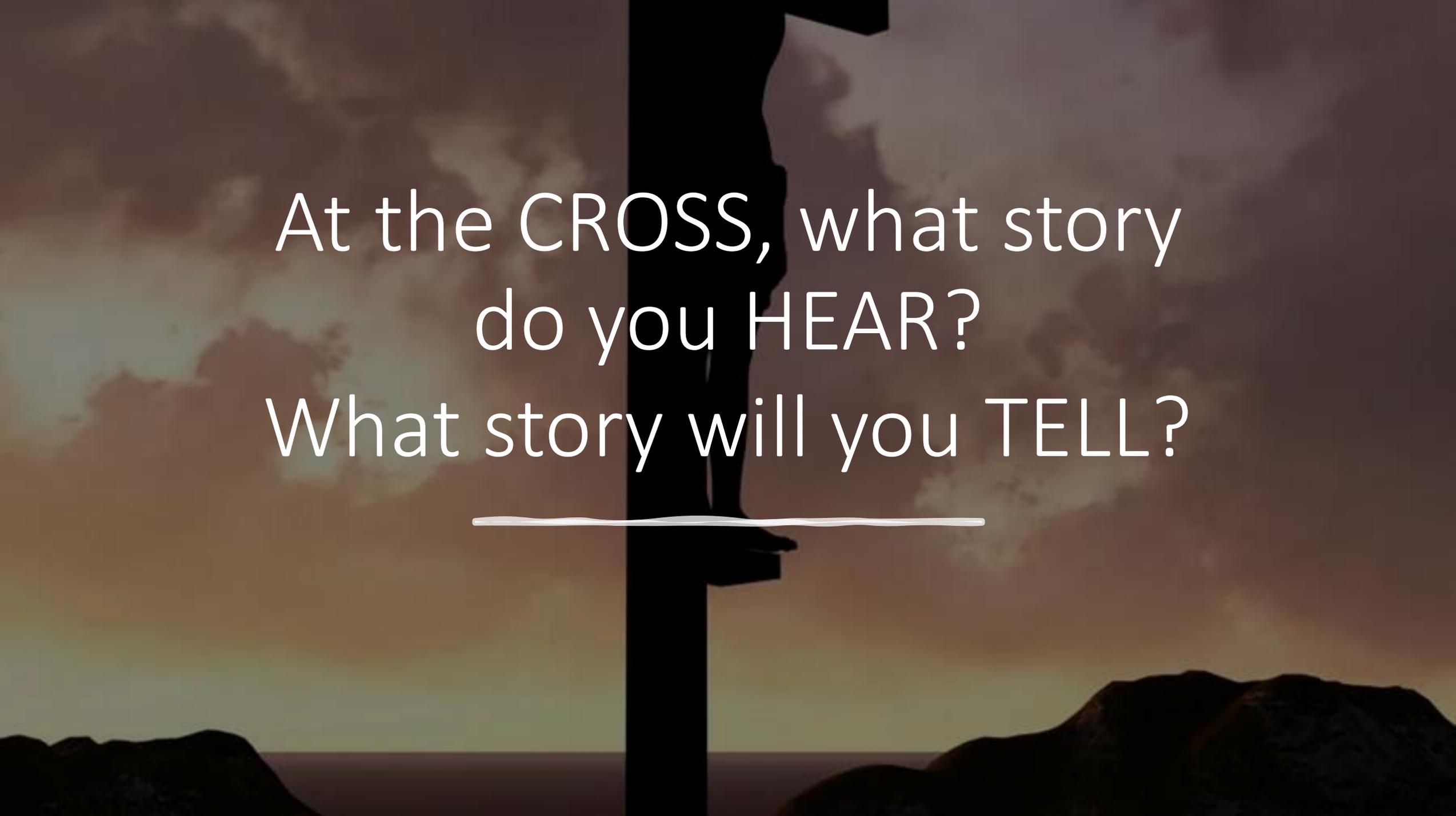


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They see and hear but remain silent
They are confused and downcast
This was Jesus' story. They want to honor him!
(They are positioned to believe!)



At the CROSS, what story
do you HEAR?
What story will you TELL?

We HEAR
the story of the
COST of
RECONCILIATION
between
GOD and MAN!



We should TELL
the story through
our willing
RECONCILIATION
with
ONE ANOTHER!



A photograph of a wooden table with a glass of red wine, a fork, and a plate of food. The text is overlaid on the image.

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