**Finding Grace**

**Our Savior of Grace**

**The Grace of Substitution**

3 truths about Christ’s atoning work on the cross

**I. He was a Gracious Substitute Despite Those Who Were Distracted**

**John 19:16** - *So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.*

**Matthew 12:30** - *He who is not with Me is against Me…*

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

A. By an argument about the wording of a sign

**John 19:21** - *So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’; but that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’ ”*

“Many think, because your skins are tinged with a sable hue, that you are an inferior race of beings; but God does not consider you as such. He hath formed and fashioned you in his own glorious image, and hath bestowed upon you reason and strong powers of intellect. He hath made you to have dominion over the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, and the fish of the sea (Genesis 1:26). He hath crowned you with glory and honor; hath made you but a little lower than the angels (Psalms 8:5).” Bob Kellmen, Beyond the Suffering

B. By a contest for his clothes

**John 19:24** - *So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be”; this was to fulfill the Scripture: “They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”*

**II. He Was a Gracious Substitute by His Concern and Compassion for His Mother**

A. Some chose to stand by the cross

**John 19:25** - *Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.*

B. An interaction of incredible grace

**John 19:26-27** - *When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.*

C. An example of how we live in our culture today

**Jonah 2:8-9** - *“Those who regard vain idols forsake their faithfulness, but I will sacrifice to You* *with the voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the Lord.”*

**Jonah 4:1-2** - *But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “Please Lord, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.*

**Jonah 4:11** - *Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?*

**III. He Was a Gracious Savior by Completely Paying for Our Redemption**

A. A beautiful emphasis on His humanity

**John 19:28** - *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, “I am thirsty.”*

B. The cry of victorious completion

**John 19:30** - *Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.*