

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

The Christus Victor Paradigm of the First Century (Handout 2)

***Systematic Rejection of Jesus Christ**

Matthew 27.43—He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”

Matthew 27.40—And saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

Luke 23.37—And saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Luke 23.39—One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Matthew 27.45—From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

Luke 23.44—It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

John 1.5—The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it.

Luke 11.21,22 (The Message)—When a strong man, armed to the teeth, stands guard in his front yard, his property is safe and sound. But what if a stronger man comes along with superior weapons? Then he’s beaten at his own game, the arsenal that gave him such confidence hauled off, and his precious possessions plundered.

Colossians 2.15—There he disarmed the cosmic powers and authorities and made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them through the cross.

Luke 4.13—When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

John 14.30—I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me . . .

John 12.31—Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

***Matthew 27.46**—About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)

Psalms 88.45—“. . . I am reckoned among those who go down to the pit; I have become like a man without strength, forsaken among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, and they are cut off from Your hand . . .”

Revelation 12.10—Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”— John 10.10

*All texts quoted from the New American Standard Bible unless otherwise noted.

accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Philippians 2.5-11—In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1Peter 3.21,22— . . . Jesus Christ, who is now at the right hand of God, having entered heaven and received the submission of angels, authorities, and powers.

