

EKKLESIA SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

“To, Through, and Beyond the Cross”

April 5, 2026

SERMON THEME:

God didn't just bring us **to the cross...**
or even **through the cross...**

He brought us **beyond the cross.**

KEY SCRIPTURE:

John 19:30 (NLT) — “It is finished.”

Matthew 28:6 (NLT) — “He is not here! He is risen!”

CENTRAL QUESTION:

What do we do... beyond the cross?

PART 1 — OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

(MONDAY – WEDNESDAY)

◆ MONDAY — CLEANSING

“Clean House Before You Carry Glory”

 Matthew 21:12–13

➔ SUMMARY:

Jesus cleansed the Temple before doing miracles.

→ **TRUTH:**

God will confront what you tolerate.

→ **APPLICATION:**

Before God uses you... He will clean you.

◆ **TUESDAY — FRUIT**

“Produce or Pretend”

📖 Mark 11:12-14

→ **SUMMARY:**

The fig tree looked alive—but had no fruit.

→ **TRUTH:**

God is not impressed with appearance.

→ **APPLICATION:**

Your life must produce evidence of transformation.

◆ **WEDNESDAY — DISCERNMENT**

“The Sound of Betrayal”

📖 Matthew 26:14-16

→ **SUMMARY:**

Judas didn't fall—he drifted.

→ **TRUTH:**

What you entertain will influence you.

→ **APPLICATION:**

Watch what—and who—you listen to.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

The journey to the cross requires:

- Cleansing


- Authenticity
 - Discernment
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PART 2 — OUR JOURNEY *THROUGH* THE CROSS

(THURSDAY – FRIDAY)

◆ THURSDAY — HUMILITY

“Serve Before You Suffer”

 John 13:3–5

→ SUMMARY:

Jesus picked up a towel before the cross.

→ TRUTH:


Authority flows through humility.

→ APPLICATION:

If you can't serve—you're not ready to lead.

◆ FRIDAY — SACRIFICE

“It Had to Happen”

 Isaiah 53:5 / John 19:30

→ SUMMARY:

The cross looked like defeat—but fulfilled purpose.

→ TRUTH:

Pain can carry purpose.

→ APPLICATION:

Surrender your “why” to God.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

The journey through the cross requires:

- Humility
 - Surrender
 - Trust
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PART 3 — OUR JOURNEY *BEYOND* THE CROSS

(SATURDAY → SUNDAY)

♦ SATURDAY — SILENCE

“Working in the Silence”

 Matthew 27:59–60

→ SUMMARY:

Nothing looked like it was happening... but God was working.

→ TRUTH:

Silence is not absence.

→ APPLICATION:

Trust God even when you don't see movement.

NOW THE QUESTION...

WHAT DO WE DO *BEYOND THE CROSS*?

ANSWER 1 — WE LIVE TRANSFORMED

 Romans 12:2

→ The cross was not the end—
it was the beginning of transformation.

- ✓ We don't go back to who we were
 - ✓ We don't carry what God delivered us from
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ANSWER 2 — WE WALK IN RESURRECTION POWER


 Philippians 3:10

 Beyond the cross is resurrection.

- ✓ New mindset
 - ✓ New identity
 - ✓ New authority
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ANSWER 3 — WE LIVE ON MISSION

 Matthew 28:19

 The cross was never meant to stop with you.

- ✓ Each1 — Grow
 - ✓ Reach1 — Witness
 - ✓ Bring1 — Invite
 - ✓ TeachEvery1 — Disciple
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ANSWER 4 — WE DON'T STAY AT THE CROSS

 Too many people:

- Visit the cross
- Cry at the cross
- Worship at the cross

...but never move beyond it.

TRUTH:

The cross forgives you...
but the resurrection **transforms you.**

ANSWER 5 – WE TRUST GOD IN ALL SEASONS

➔ Beyond the cross means:

- ✓ Trust in pain
 - ✓ Trust in silence
 - ✓ Trust in victory
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FINAL DECLARATION

Say it (and write it):

“I will not just come to the cross...
I will not just go through the cross...

I will live BEYOND the cross.”

PERSONAL NOTES

What is God saying to me today?

What do I need to do differently this week?

Who can I reach this week?

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for bringing me to the cross, through the cross, and beyond the cross. Help me not just to remember what Jesus did—but to live transformed because of it. Give me boldness to walk in purpose, faith to trust You in every season, and a heart to reach others. In Jesus' name, amen.

FINAL CALL TO ACTION

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- 👉 Each1
 - 👉 Reach1
 - 👉 Bring1
 - 👉 TeachEvery1
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CLOSING LINE (SAY THIS OUT LOUD SUNDAY)

"You didn't come this far...
to stop at the cross."