

## “Signs”

John 19:19-22; Galatians 2:20

**Central Thought:** A sign was placed over Jesus' cross.

When I identify with Christ as a Christian, God places a sign of ownership over me that is a proclamation to a lost world. What does my sign say and who else have I allowed to write on that sign?

### 1) Background

- The sign was probably wooden.
- The sign identified the offense.
- The sign was likely Pilate's revenge.
- The sign was protested by the chief priests.

### 2) The nature of the sign

- **Public**—near the city at a crossroads just outside Jerusalem.
- **Multilingual**—the titulus was inscribed in 3 languages.
  - Latin—the language of Roman authority.
  - Greek—the trade language of the marketplace.
  - Hebrew/Aramaic—the local personal language.
- **True**—the words were (mistakenly) accurate.
- **Stigmatic**—people viewed Jesus according to the sign.

**Galatians 2:20** *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

### 3) Application—“crucified with Christ” means that my life has a sign also...

- **Public**—is my life visible?
- **Accessible**—is Jesus seen in me?
- **True**—is my faith consistent with my living?
- **Identifying**—does it express Christ's ownership of me?

### 4) Some questions for follow-up:

- What does the sign over my life say?
- Is my sign based on God's word about me or my past experiences?
- How am I allowing Christ to write my sign?
- Whom am I allowing to write on my (God's) sign?