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Lamentations 3:45-48,55,57  
The Three Crosses

<sup>45</sup> You have made us scum and refuse among the peoples. <sup>46</sup> All our enemies rage against us. <sup>47</sup> Panic and the pit have come, devastation and destruction. <sup>48</sup> Rivers of tears flow from my eyes because of the destruction of the daughter of my people. <sup>55</sup> I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit. <sup>57</sup> You came near when I called you, and you said, "Do not fear."

I. THE CROSS OF THE EXILES

\* What was the reason for their cross (troubles)?

\* Why did their cross need to be so severe?

\* What can be the result when we fail to pass along our faith to our children?

II. THE CROSS OF CHRIST

\* What was the reason for his cross?

\* Why did his cross need to be so severe?

\* What were Jesus' words at the peak of his suffering?

\* What was the result of his suffering?

III. THE CROSS OF THE CHRISTIAN

\* What is the reason for our crosses (troubles)?

\* Is every trouble that comes to a Christian a cross?

\* Does God punish us for our sins here on earth?

\* What, then, do our crosses include?

\* There is a whole rack of crosses available. What should we do when we are carrying one of them, or more than one?

\* Where is the gospel in this passage?

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