

THE LONG ROAD

THE LONG ROAD: THE UGLY CROSS OF GRACE

Apr 1, 2012 • Pastor Gregg Matte • John 19

▶ **An ugly cross precedes a beautiful tomb.**

Galatians 3:13; Philippians 2:8; Acts 2:23; Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 12:2

▶ **He died as the Savior of the world and the Savior of your name.**

1 Peter 2:24; John 3:16; Romans 5:6

- Hebrew – Lord over **religion** (Golgotha)
- Greek – Lord over **culture** (Place of the Skull)
- Latin – Lord of **law** (Calvary)

▶ **Jesus is in control to the finish.**

Psalm 22:15; Psalm 69:21; Psalm 22:18; Numbers 9:12; Zechariah 12:10; Exodus 12:22

- He **gave up** His Spirit. (paredōken – Greek 'handed over')
John 10:17-18; Matthew 27:50; Ephesians 5:1-2; Romans 8:31-32

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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COLLEGE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CREW

College Ministry

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CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

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ENCOURAGERS: VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST H.O.P.E.

Counseling Center

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY TEAM

First Kids

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BIRTHS

- Colin and Cherie Risinger in the birth of their son, Colin David Risinger, Jr. "C.J."; Grandparents: David (Deacon) and Libby Risinger
- David and Jessica Dietz in the birth of their daughter, Abigail Dietz

SYMPATHIES

- Carrie Rogers in the death of her cousin, Angela Faye Rogers Ross
- Ted and Becky Christensen in the death of his mother, Victoria Christensen

- Larry and Jo Ann McClure in the death of his father, Audis McClure; Grandchildren: Brian McClure, Courtney Schafer and husband, Scott; Great-Grandchildren: Harrison and Haydon Schafer

DECISIONS MAR 25, 2012

Baptized

Perla Hernandez	Kevin Saxe
Kevin Ortega	Paul Townsen
Audrey Saxe	

For Baptism

Akilah Bacy	Natalie Paul
Susan Brzowski	Don Stamps
Brandy Ott	Linda Visram
Jonathan Ott	

By Statement

Rebecca Symmank

From Other Fellowships

Brandy Groth	Ian Hill
Coley Groth	James Smelley
Gigi Hill	Hannah Yang
Griffin Hill	

ATTENDANCE MAR 25, 2012

Life Bible Study	4,210
Mission Bible Study	239
Total Bible Study	4,449
Wednesday Night	487

GIVING — WEEK ENDING MAR 25, 2012

Tithes & Offerings	\$445,478
Weekly Requirements	\$335,755
Over/(Under)	\$109,723
Designated Gifts	\$65,904
Over/(Under) for Mar	\$251,373
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$504,507

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