

- I. The cross is a mirror of our shame.
 - A. One of the instant effects of humanity's rebellion is shame (Genesis 2:25; 3:7-8)
 - B. We do this *physically*
 - C. We do this *spiritually*
 - D. A theme found throughout the Old Testament (Genesis 18:27; Ezekiel 16, 23 esp. 16:23,36,39,52,58)
 - E. We can't be open and vulnerable, and we can't clothe ourselves.
 - F. Jesus Christ was naked and shamed on the cross. (Isaiah 53:3)

- II. The cross is a mirror of our injustice.
 - A. One of the great concerns of the Bible and of human culture is *justice*.
 - B. The cross of Jesus Christ holds up a mirror on all mankind.
 - C. There are no just people, no righteous.

- III. The cross is a mirror of our exile from God.
 - A. Humanity's rebellion meant exile from God. (Genesis 3:23-24)
 - B. Exile from God also meant alienation from one another.
 - C. The Bible is *about* getting back into the presence of God. (Deuteronomy 28:63-68)
 - D. The cross shows us our exile. (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)
 - E. The cross shows that we are east of Eden, outside of the Holy of Holies.

- IV. The resurrection is a window on glory. (first for Jesus, then for the world)
 - A. In place of shame comes glory. (Acts 9:4-5; Revelation 1:12-16).
 - B. We see in the resurrected Jesus the glory that we were meant to have.
 - C. See also Zechariah (3:1-10; Matthew 22:1-14; 1 Corinthians 15; Psalm 30:11)

- V. The resurrection is a window on justice.
 - A. The turning point: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" A cry for *justice*.
 - B. And when he rose, he was vindicated. (1 Timothy 3:16): God pronounces his verdict!
 - C. When Jesus rose from the dead we see the beginning of a just world.
 - D. When we see the resurrection, we see reason to repent and not despair.

- VI. The resurrection is a window on coming home.
 - A. Sin makes men strangers to one another, and to God.
 - B. At the moment of Jesus' death, the *barrier is removed*. The veil of the Temple is torn.
 - C. "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17; Romans 1:4; 10:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Luke 3:22; 9:35; 20:13)
 - D. But he did not *only* return to the Father: he *sent the Spirit*. (Isaiah 40-66; Acts 2; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:14)
 - E. God with us (John 14:23; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5)