The Cross of Jesus The Messiah

In daring to write (and read) a book about the cross, there is of course a great danger of presumption. This is partly because what actually happened when "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ" is a mystery whose depths we shall spend eternity plumbing ... and partly because it would be most unseemly to feign a cool detachment as we contemplate Christ's cross. For, whether we like it or not, we are involved. Our sins put him there. So, far from offering us flattery, the cross undermines our self-righteousness. We can stand before it only with a bowed head and a broken spirit. And there we remain until the Lord Jesus speaks to our hearts his word of pardon and acceptance, and we, gripped by His love and full of thanksgiving, go out into the world to live our lives in his service.

[John R. W. Stott, *The Cross of Christ* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2006), 18.]

Friday—9AM	12 Noon	3 PM	The 3rd Day
The Wrath of Men	The Wrath of God	Salvation Completed	Resurrected
"Father forgive them" (Luke 23:34)	"My God, My God Why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46) Jesus Drains the Cup of Wrath Poured Out Against All Sin!!!	"It is finished" "Father, Into your hands I commit my spirit" (John 19:28-30, Luke 23:46)	"I was dead, but look, now I am alive—forever and ever—and I hold the keys of death and of Hell!" (Revelation 1:17-18)
Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; He was despised, and we didn't value Him.	Isaiah 53:4 Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses, and He carried our pains; but we in turn regarded Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. Hebrews 9:26 But now he (Jesus Christ) has appeared once for all at the consummation of the ages to put away sin by His sacrifice.	Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds.	Isaiah 53:10–11 Yet the Lord was pleased to crush Him severely. When You make Him a restitution offering, He will see His seed, He will prolong His days, and by His hand, the Lord's pleasure will be accomplished. He will see it out of His anguish, and He will be satisfied with His knowledge. My righteous Servant will justify many, and He will carry their iniquities.