**The Nails Of The Cross**

(John 19:23 KJV)

*Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.*

(John 20:25 KJV)

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ur very plain object of this sermon is a nail. While nails are mentioned at least nine times in the Bible, (John 20:25) is the only reference to them in the life of Christ. Now we know that Joseph was a carpenter and growing up around a carpenter’s shop, no doubt, Jesus understood the normal use of a nail. In fact, after the resurrection Jesus made reference to the nail prints in his body that was place there by the Roman Centurions.

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In fact, we are all familiar with the use of a nail in the wall—where we are use to hanging up a picture or even our clothes on them—a jacket, a sweater, or a hat—or even sometimes holding up quite a weight, so it had to be well anchored. Well, technology hasn’t really replaced the nail thankfully—after thousands of years, we still use lots of nails for everything! A lot can be learned from such a simple item—especially since the bible gives us a glimpse at just how powerful the Nails were that held Jesus to the Cross of Calvary!

Now once something is **nailed**, it can be left because **the work there is now done**! But, unlike with **screws** they are easier to remove much easier than nails. In fact you use screws when you might need to undo what you did—and you nail things when you don’t want to mess with it again! So listen! Once the nails went into Christ’s hands and feet, it means that we can now go on, and build our lives on what He did for us!

Moreover, once something has been nailed down, it shouldn’t be able to move. So that makes a nail good for two great purposes. (**1**) Fixing things in place that were broken (**2**) Holding things in place so they don’t break any more. However, many people use poor substitutes to hold things together. They'll use glue and most of the time it doesn’t work! They'll use Duct Tape and make a mess! But God when God got ready to fixate Jesus to the Cross he used three Nails.

Furthermore, nails breaks through what otherwise would be considered something too hard to work with—wood, and concrete are not soft and pliable! And a Nail usually is made with a sharp point on the end to go through tough outer layers usually of wood, and even concrete.

Yet, on that dark, Wednesday morning before Passover, three nails were used to **pierce through two unusual substances**—to pierce through the **hands** and **feet** of Jesus.