

# I Saw The Sign

**Introduction:** My wife is a sign sender... (pinch, smile, lift of the brow etc...)

- A. First year we were married (Dish strainer, gloves...)
- B. When we left Arkansas (Left Jessika behind)
- C. When I leave my socks under the bed...

## I. Sometimes we miss the signs

- A. God knows our denseness...
  - 1. The Rainbow
  - 2. Circumcision
  - 3. Stars
  - 4. Communion
  - 5. Baptism
- B. But God's most spirited sign was on the cross
  - 1. **John 19:19-22**
  - 2. Why does the sign trouble the Jews?
  - 3. Why does Pilate refuse to change it?
  - 4. Why 3 languages?
  - 5. Why is the sign mentioned in all 4 gospels?
- C. Could it be this is a sign of God's devotion?
  - 1. That He'll do whatever it takes?

## II. Two truths about God's desire to reach the world

- A. There is no person He will not use
  - 1. Look at the thief on the cross
    - a. **Lk. 23:42** (He responded when He saw the sign)
    - b. He doesn't whine for his life...
    - c. Instead it's a servant to a king... (He probably read the sign)
    - d. Luke makes connection with the sign and the thief... **Lk. 23:38-43**
      - (1). He knows he's in a mess...
      - (2.) But he's seen the sign
  - 2. Pilate never intended to spread the gospel
    - a. Instead Pilate intended to mock the Jews
    - b. There is no one God will not use
- B. There is no language God will not speak
  - 1. Everyone could read the sign on the cross
    - Aramaic- Language of Israel
    - Latin- Language of the Romans
    - Greek-cultural language
  - 2. Since Christ was for all people... the language was for all to read
  - 3. There is no language He will not speak!

**Conclusion:**

A. What language is He speaking to you? (Abundance)

1. Need-(the drug store) God spoke to me in the language of need
  2. Affliction (does he speak in hospitals, and in the homes of the ill?)
- Aren't you glad that God is speaking**

**“The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.”  
Psalms 25:14, NIV.**

B. There is no person He will not use

1. Are you understanding? (Can you see the sign?)
2. We have the greatest message/sign man has ever seen/heard.

**Max Lucado, God Came Near**

For 51 years Bob Edens was blind. He couldn't see a thing. His world was a black hall of sounds and smells. He felt his way through five decades of darkness. And then, he could see. A skilled surgeon performed a complicated operation and, for the first time, Bob Edens had sight. He found it overwhelming. "I never would have dreamed that yellow is so...yellow," he exclaimed. "I don't have the words. I am amazed by yellow. But red is my favorite color. I just can't believe red. I can see the shape of the moon-- and I like nothing better than seeing a jet plane flying across the sky leaving a vapor trail. And of course, sunrises and sunsets. And at night I look at the stars in the sky and the flashing light. You could never know how wonderful everything is."

[Max Lucado, God Came Near, Multnomah Press, 1987, p. 13.](#)

**2 Timothy 2:19-21**

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