

Introduction:

Two series

Resurrection (AM)

Close out tonight - on Web

I. Brands

1. By the things which happened
 - stocks
 - beaten - almost to death
2. Brand our - Cattle (used to)
 - “Rocking J”
 - Willow Creek
3. Tattoos - some cultures
 - A. Our culture - expression of self
 - B. Others - mark of a tribe
 - mark of allegiance
4. Soldiers/ Slaves/ Devotees
 - Soldiers - rank, status
 - Slaves - ownership
 - Devotees - religion
 - movement
 - cause (ex - autism)
5. Beaten, chained, stoned
 - Beaten - almost to death
 - Chained - constant
6. “This is supposed to be fun”
 - some might say - this is not fun

II. Evidence

1. Identifies this cow
 - a long way from home
2. A mark of ownership
 - a name of the ranch
 - of the town
3. A mark of injury
 - dog in a fight - scar
 - Mac Letson - fist through window
4. Jesus had scars
5. Old men and their scars
 - happen up on a group of old men in the mall
 - ex - cut my hand... or a dog bite
6. Sometimes you endure:
 - criticisms - are there scars?
 - loneliness - feeling of rejection

- desertion - disillusioned
- deprivation - go without close friends, or nice things

III. Voluntary

1. Versus soldiers, slaves and devotees
 - want to be branded
2. Willfully decide to take this suffering
 - A. Paul did not “have to” do all he did
 - B. Jesus - any other way - at Gethsemane
3. What did Jesus mean about - The cost? - the Cross?
 - He didn’t hide this
 - “take up YOUR cross”
4. Because of obedience Jesus was scarred
5. My piece of pain
 - what am I to suffer?

Two examples:

1. Soldier - served us and lost a leg
 - not a day goes by he doesn’t think about it
 - willing - it was worth it
2. Jesus had scars
 - not for a nation but for individuals