

# **“What Jesus Said While on the Cross”**

## **Luke 23:27-33**

### Introduction

- I. Much has been said and written about what happened to Jesus on the cross.
- II. The words that Jesus said while hanging there are forever recorded in the Bible and are worthy of our attention.

### Discussion

- I. “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).
  - A. This exemplifies the mission of Christ (Luke 9:51-56).
  - B. This plea began to be answered on the Day of Pentecost, following Christ's ascension (Acts 2:22-38).
- II. “Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).
  - A. Christ did not return to Heaven immediately after His death (John 20:17).
  - B. Instead, Jesus went to Hades, particularly “Abraham's bosom” or “Paradise” (cf. Acts 2:27, 31; Luke 16:19-31).
- III. “Woman, behold thy son!” (John 19:26) “Behold thy mother!” (John 19:27).
  - A. Jesus was “honoring his mother” by making sure that she had care (Exo. 20:12; cf. Eph. 6:2-3).
  - B. The love that Jesus had for His mother is also seen in the love that He has for the faithful (Mark 3:31-35).
- IV. “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani” (Matt. 27:46)?
  - A. Jesus made a reference to the prophecy of His crucifixion (Psm. 22).
  - B. This should have helped the Jews to realize that Jesus was indeed the Christ.
- V. “I thirst” (John 19:28).
  - A. The suffering that Jesus experienced was real (Isa. 53).
  - B. At this point, Jesus had already been scourged as well (John 19:1-5; cf. 1 Pet. 2:24).
- VI. “It is finished” (John 19:30).
  - A. Jesus fulfilled His mission, and in so doing, finished God's plan of redemption (Matt. 16:21-23; cf. John 1:29; Rev. 13:8).
  - B. He did not give up on us, and therefore we should not give up on Him (Luke 9:62).
- VII. “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46).
  - A. When we die, we should be equally prepared (Eccl. 12:7; Heb. 9:27).
  - B. Paul wrote of the blessings that are to follow (2 Cor. 5:1-8).

### Conclusion

- I. From time to time, it is good to “revisit” the cross of Christ.
- II. Even to the very end, Jesus was faithful!