

19:24-30 The Sayings of Christ on the Cross 01

Series: Who is Jesus the Christ?

Reading – Matthew 27:33-54 18th December, 2016

For several weeks we have been looking at Christ on the cross and what He did. First, it was a sacrifice for our sin. He took our place and paid our debt, setting us free. These are easy words to say, but words that will probably never be completely understood. Second, it was a demonstration of His control, His sovereignty. It happened when God allowed it to happen. This also showed us the wickedness of sin. If God draws back, if He stops convicting and allows sin to go unchecked, it runs rampant and full of hate. It kills, knowing and ignoring all truth and righteousness. That is sin. A true understanding should make us flee sin, fear sin, and cling to God. Then we saw Christ defeating Satan. The cross had an effect. It was more than a crucifixion. It was a battle between God and Satan. Satan struck at God, trying to destroy Him, to silence Him. Yet in this attack, He was crushed by God and we were once and for all delivered from his kingdom and translated into the kingdom of God. Satan lost his power over us and a door was opened to anyone who would come. The way to God was once again opened. Lastly, we looked at ourselves. When a man comes to the cross of Christ and casts himself at the Savior's feet and asks for forgiveness, He is set free. He is freed from the Law, free from the consequences of His sin, freed to serve God and to follow Him. In his new freedom, He has a new life, and new position or status, and a new home with access and privileges to come before God's holy throne. With all that happening on the cross, it is easy to see that nothing that happened on the cross happened by chance. Today we are going to look at the seven sayings of Christ as a whole.

- General overview of Christ's 7 sayings.
 - Seven sayings. Number of completion.
 - 1st and 7th prayers calling on the Father.
 - Luke 23:34 Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.
 - Luke 23:46 Father into thy hands I command my Spirit.
 - Same Father different others.
 - 2nd and 6th both are heavenly.
 - Luke 23:42-43 Salvation of the thief. Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.
 - John 19:30 It is finished. – A cry of victory, perfectly complete. The work done. The cost born.
 - Same is both are heavenly / eternal; different is singular to the thief, plural for us.
 - God's concern in coming was eternity together. Display of His might in saving sinners, in defeating Satan.
 - 3rd and 5th both are earthly.
 - John 19:25-26 – Turns his mother over to John (other needs)
 - John 19: 30 I thirst – His needs (personal needs)
 - His obligations and His personal needs.
 - 4th (Mat 27:46) “⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
 - The center is the main point in much of Hebrew literature, not the beginning or end.) The center is that Christ was forsaken by God, as He bore our sin.
- Matthew 27:33-54 – Written to the Jews, written to show that Jesus was the King of the Jews, the promised Anointed One, the Christ.
 - This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Prophesied Joseph (legal) lineage. The wise men, not shepherds,
 - Vs. 40 (Thieves) “⁴⁰ and saying, You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

- Chief priest, scribes, and elders: Matthew 27:41-43 “⁴¹ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, ⁴² He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. ⁴³ He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God.”
- **Vs. 45-46** “⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
 - **Mark 15:33-34** “³³ Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is translated, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
- **Vs.47** Mocking of Elijah coming before the great and terrible Day of the Lord.
 - They knew the scriptures, they knew who Christ claimed to be, they openly mocked it.
- **Vs. 51** Veil of the Temple...
 - Authority of the real King to open the way.
 - As the prophet who was coming He takes us to the Lord.
 - Hebrews tells us this: A better mediator of a better covenant.
 - **Hebrews 6:19-20** “¹⁹ This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, ²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us (The King leads), *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”
- **Vs. 52** Only here: graves opened at the resurrection, came out at the resurrection...
 - He had come to bring peace, riding on a donkey. The conquering king.
 - He had given up His life to secure that peace... Both with His authority shown in His power of when and where, with His ability to deliver His disciples, to be in the timing of God...and with a sign over His head declaring it to all. The King of the Jews....
 - Not only did He lead us into the temple tearing the curtain to give us access with Him, but it had authority. The dead are given new life with Him at the resurrection. His authority, like with Lazarus is displayed....
- **Vs. 54** Testimony of the Roman centurion. "Truly this was the Son of God!" divine origin.
- **Matthew 27:35-36** “³⁵ Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.”
 - **Psalms 22:16-18** “¹⁶ For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me. ¹⁸ They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”
- **Mark 15:22-39** as well. Romans, He shows Christ as the servant, no lineage, but a letter of action. Immediately... The only saying given. The center point. The direct immediate cause.
 - No birth account, He is a servant, a worker...
 - **Mark 15:28** “So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, And He was numbered with the transgressors.”
 - **Isaiah 53:12** “Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.”
 - **Mark 15:33-34** “³³ Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
 - Servant who gave His soul unto death... to bear our sins... and make intercession for transgressors. **Is. 53:12**

- **Vs. 35-36** Elijah – Servant is mocked, His work is mocked not respect...
- **Vs. 38** Veil torn – The work was effective.
- **Vs. 39** Centurion confesses "Truly this Man was the Son of God!" **Man** who was a God. Perfect worker. God's power.

As we look at Christ on the cross, I hope you know that it is for more than intellectual knowledge. He came to save, to redeem, to fulfill, to do so much. Yet many will miss out on what He did... Knowing the scriptures, they will mock... Others will repent and ask for help. Humbling themselves in front of all, giving up there last vestige of pride, and joining with Christ, they will ask for mercy. Where are you today? Are you still fighting or have you yielded to Christ?

Prayer "Now May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen." (**2Co 13:14 NKJ**) **In Jesus Name**

Sing the Doxology.... Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creature, here below..., Praise Him above you heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen