Love Crucified

Luke 23:26-43 Pastor Phil Winfield March 22, 2015

Wonderful words of Life.

- 1. Listen to Jesus' last words **of warning** on the way to the Cross [v.26-31].
 - a. Cross carrying is **inevitable** [v.26].
 - b. Many times we weep for the **wrong reasons** [v.28-30].
- 2. Listen to Jesus' last earthly words of **<u>compassion</u>** [v.32-34].
 - a. He **identified** himself with our sin.
 - b. He prayed for **forgiveness** for his enemies (v.32-34).
 - c. He **<u>offered</u>** forgiveness to those that put him in this situation.
- Listen to Jesus' last words of <u>salvation</u> [v.34b-43]. Everyone must <u>deal</u> with Jesus [v.35].
 - a. Some people are just <u>curious</u> about Jesus.
 - b. Some people are **indifferent** to Jesus.
 - c. Some simply <u>**reject**</u> Jesus.
 - d. Some receive Jesus **and salvation** [v.39-43]. Notice:
 - i. He admitted his **sinful guilt** [v.40-41]
 - ii. He recognized Jesus's sinless life [v.41]
 - iii. He believed in Life <u>after death</u> [v.42].
 - iv. He believed that Jesus <u>was God</u> (Lord) [v.42].
 - v. He asked Jesus to simply **<u>remember</u>** Him.
 - vi. It is as simple as ABC
 - 1. **<u>Admit</u>** you are a sinner (sincerely). Romans 3:10
 - 2. **Believe** that Jesus is the sinless Son of God and that he died for your sin. Romans 10:9
 - 3. <u>Call</u>. Romans 10:13

Even the robber on the cross still had hope.