## 7 WORDS FROM THE CROSS

(John 19:17-30)

- INTRODUCTION (John 12:27) "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour" (v32-33) "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all peoples to Myself. This He said, signifying by what death He would die."
- 1. (Luke 23:34) "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do"
  - The chief business of the cross was forgiveness, though forgiveness was not limited to these involved in the crucifixion.
  - After the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, 40 days later, before His ascension, Jesus gives a final charge about forgiveness: (Luke 24:46-49)

    This forgiveness is offered to all the world: (Mark 16:15-16), and whatever forgiveness those at the cross received, the requirement now is "believe, repent, be baptized."
- 2. (Luke 23:42-43) "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise"
  - Those at the cross, and this robber, did not require baptism because the NT was not in effect. (Hebrews 9:16-17) "For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator, For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives."
  - Before (Acts 2) people were not obligated to be baptized for the remission of sins.
- 3. (John 19:25-27) "Woman, behold your son. ... Behold your mother"
  - Why John? John is "the disciple whom He loved," (John 7:5) "for even His brothers did not believe in Him," John is Mary's nephew, and Joseph is not mentioned in the gospels after the event in the temple when Jesus was 12 years old. (Luke 2:41-52).
  - No record of Jesus seeing His mother after the crucifixion, and the last mention of Mary is in (Acts 1:14) being listed among the group of disciples who are praying.
- 4. (Matthew 27:45-47) "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

There is not an immediate answer to the question; however, there was an answer 3 days later.

- Forsaken? Jesus knowingly went to the cross: (Matthew 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19) (Matthew 16:23) "Peter ... for you are not mindful of the things of God"
- 5. (John 19:28) "I thirst" prophecy in (Psalm 69:21)
- 6. (John 19:29-30) "It is finished" what was? (Col. 2:14; Hebrews 2:14-15 and 9:28)
- 7. (Luke 23:46) "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit ... He breathed His last"