



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 23:32-46 (NAS)

Topic: "Will You Die Well?"

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32 Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.
33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.
34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.
35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."
36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"
37 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."
38 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"
39 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"
40 "And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."
41 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"
42 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."
43 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two.
44 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

I. JESUS' THREE STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS

- A. Praying For Forgiveness Of His Enemies vs. 34
- B. Showing Concern For The Salvation Of Another vs. 43
- C. Trusting Himself To The Father vs. 45

II. WHAT WE LEARN FROM CHRIST'S FINAL STATEMENT

- A. To Call God Father
 - 1. Seen in Christ's first statement
 - 2. Seen in Christ's last statement
- B. Jesus Had Finished His Work

III. IMPLICATIONS OF THE TITLE "FATHER"

- A. A Relationship Of Love *John 14:31*
- B. Acknowledgement Of Authority
- C. A Response Of Obedience
- D. A Relationship Of Fellowship *John 17:23-24*

IV. THE PRIVILEGES OF ADOPTION *1 Jn 3:1,2; Galatians 3:26; Jn 1:12*

- A. Your Greatest Strength
- B. Fellowship Through Prayer
 - 1. Acknowledges our dependence
 - 2. It is the language of humility
- C. This Relationship Removes The Fear Of Death *1 Corinthians 15:56-57*
- D. Trusting God Means Resting On His Promises At Death *Psalms 23; John 14:1-6; Psalm 119:11*