

## 2 – Jesus Spoke to His Mother and John

John 19:26-27

**John 19:25-27:** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "**Dear woman, here is your son,**" and to the disciple [John, He said:], "**Here is your mother.**" From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**Commentary:** Jesus, *the oldest son*, had been taking care of His mother. Since He could no longer do so, He passed that responsibility to John, His closest friend. At that time, Jesus' brothers were not yet believers in Jesus – the Messiah, and also their half-brother (see Matt. 12:47; 13:55; John 7:5).

## 3 – Jesus Spoke to the Repentant Criminal

Luke 23:43

**Luke 23:39-45:** One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "**I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.**"

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining.

**Commentary:** The darkness began at noon and ended at 3:00. God enabled one of the criminals to see his sin, be sorry, confess

his sin, and believe in Jesus as his Savior. Then Jesus assured him that on that very day – both he and Jesus in soul and spirit – *would be in paradise, which is the third heaven and the dwelling place of God!*

## 4 – Jesus Spoke to God the Father

Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

**Mark 15:34-35:** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "**Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?**" – which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

**Commentary:** The ninth hour is about 3 PM. Jesus spoke in Aramaic; we are familiar with the English words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (For more, see these passages: Isaiah 53:6; 59:2; Galatians 3:13.)

## 5 – Jesus' Announcement Preparation

John 19:28

**John 19:28-29:** ...so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "**I am thirsty.**" A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

**Commentary:** Jesus drank to fulfill the Scripture. *He also drank in preparation for making one of the greatest announcements of all time!*

## 6 – Jesus Declared His Victory

John 19:30

**John 19:30:** When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**"

**Commentary:** Jesus declared His victory: *Paid in Full!* Now, *by the Spirit through the Word*, God is calling all people to turn **FROM** trust in self **TO** trust in Jesus as their Savior!

## 7 – Jesus Laid Down His Life

Luke 23:46

**Luke 23:46:** Jesus called out with a loud voice, "**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

**Commentary:** Jesus' first and seventh words address God as Father; Jesus began and ended His time on the cross in a *right relationship* with God. However, in between, He was separated from His Father because of our sins. Now, for us – *through our God-given faith in Jesus* – we are God's forgiven and holy children!

### The Temple Curtain Was Torn

**Matthew 27:51-54:** At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "**Surely he was the Son of God!**"

**At the appointed time Jesus will return for the final judgment. So, may the H.S. enable many to repent and trust in Jesus for eternal life!**

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# JESUS

## From His Cross Spoke 7 Times



## The Four Gospel Accounts In Chronological Order

### Introduction

**Dear Friend:** Jesus is the very Son of God who put on human flesh through the Virgin Mary. **Why?** To live a sinless life as our perfect substitute; then He permitted Himself to be betrayed, arrested, tried, beaten, crucified, and mocked. While nailed to His cross Jesus spoke seven times.

As you read this brochure, be amazed at Jesus' perfect obedience to His Father's plan and His great love for you; then love Him, trust in Him for eternal life, and be sure of God's gifts of forgiveness, eternal life, and more!

### Selections from Matthew

26:36 – 27:32 NAS-95

#### Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with [His disciples] to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His

disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ...<sup>39</sup> And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” ... [Then, after praying a second and a third time, He said:]<sup>45</sup> ... “Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners....”

### **Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

<sup>47</sup> While [Jesus] was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, *who came* from the chief priests and elders of the people.<sup>48</sup> Now [Judas] who was betraying [Jesus] gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.”<sup>49</sup> Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.<sup>50</sup> ...Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him....

### **Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Council**

<sup>57</sup> Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together....<sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death....<sup>63</sup> But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I [put You under oath] by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.”<sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have said it *yourself*...”<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! ...<sup>66</sup> what do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death!”<sup>67</sup> Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him...

### **Jesus Delivered to Pilate**

<sup>27:1</sup> Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death;<sup>2</sup> and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor....

### **Jesus Before Pilate**

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “*It is as you say.*” ...

### **The Crowd Chooses Barabbas**

<sup>15</sup> Now at *the* feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people *any* one prisoner whom they wanted.<sup>16</sup> At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.<sup>17</sup> So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ... And they said, “Barabbas.”<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “**Crucify Him!**” ...

### **Pilate Delivers Jesus to be Crucified**

<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor...<sup>31</sup> ...led Him away to crucify Him.

### **The Journey and the Refusal**

<sup>32</sup> As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear His cross.<sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull,<sup>34</sup> they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting *it*, He was unwilling to drink.

**Commentary:** The wine and gall were offered to ease Jesus’ suffering, *but wanting to remain fully alert*, He refused to drink!

## **Jesus Spoke Seven Times**

**The Four Gospel Accounts in Chronological Order. The Bible Text is NIV-2011.**

### **1 – Jesus Prayed for the Soldiers**

**Luke 23:34**

**Luke 23:33-34:** ...there [at Golgatha] they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**

**Commentary:** They crucified him, *that means the Roman soldiers drove nails through Jesus’ hands and feet!* The pain was EXCRUTIATING, but Jesus – *concerned about those soldiers* – asked His Father to forgive them. Vengeance is for God; *we are called to forgive as we have been forgiven!*

**Mark 15:25:** It was the third hour when they crucified him.

**Commentary:** According to Jewish time, the third hour is about 9 AM.

**John 19:23-24:** ... [the soldiers] took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So [that] is what the soldiers did.

**Matthew 27:36:** And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

**John 19:19-22:** Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in [Hebrew], Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

**Commentary:** The Romans crucified on a hill so that everyone would see, fear, and obey! Regarding Jesus, Rome was saying: *Look at your king! If you want to be the next king, you will also end up on a cross!* Pilate, to show his disapproval of the Jewish leaders, refused to change the sign!

**Matthew 27:39-44:** Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

**Commentary:** Notice who hurled insults: ♦those who passed by, ♦the chief priests, ♦the teachers, ♦the elders, and ♦both robbers.