

Seven Sayings from the Cross

John 19:17-32

9:00 a.m. – 12:00

1. “Father, forgive them, for they know what they do.” **Luke 23:34** (*Took care of the people*)
2. “Assuredly, I say to you today you will be with me in Paradise.” **Luke 23:43** (*Took care of the penitent thief*) “But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins . . . **Mark 2:10**
3. “Woman, behold your son! . . . Behold your mother.” **John 19:26-27** (*As oldest Son, He took care of His mother*) **Matthew 13:55-56** – “Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called May? And His brothers **James**, **Joses**, **Simon** and **Judas**? And His sisters, are they not all with us? . . .”
Note: Three of His brothers & three of His apostles shared the same name

12:00 Noon **DARKNESS BEGINS** **Matthew 27:45**

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

(Only then did Jesus’ attention turned toward Himself)

4. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” **John 19:26-27** (*He had a heart-searching question for His Father*) His Father had never failed to be there for Him before. All the sins of the world, past, present, and future, were gathered upon Him, and God had to look away.
5. “I thirst” **John 19:28** (*He recognized a physical need*)
6. “It is finished.” (*He recognized God’s timing*) **John 19:30** “In the fullness of time” . . . **Galatians 4:4**
7. “Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.” **Luke 23:46** (*He recognized it was time to leave life and that His Father would be there for Him . . . And He will be there for us*)

1 Peter 3:21 – To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.”

Where will those steps lead us?

1. Through the **Waters of Baptism**
2. Through the **Wilderness of Temptation**
3. To the **House of Worship**
4. Through the **Fields of Service**
5. Upon the **Mountain of Prayer**
6. Through the **Garden of Despair**
7. To the **Cross of Suffering**
8. Through the **Valley of Death**

9. To the **Throne of God**

- **Hebrews 13:5** – “. . . For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
- He **lived** . . . He **Died** . . . He was **buried** . . . He was **resurrected** . . . He **went to the Father** . . . And so can I . . . So can We . . . So can You after a while!
- Have You . . . Are You following in His steps? If you haven't or, if you aren't . . . This would be the opportune time to begin.