

THE CRUCIFIXION

THE FIRST THREE HOURS OF THE CRUCIFIXION

TEXT: Matthew 27:35-44; Mark 15:24-32; Luke 23:33b-43; John 19:18-27

TIME: Friday 9am - Noon

PLACE: Golgotha

◆ The Crucifixion

- This event can be summed up in four words from Luke vs. 33b
 - " _____ "-Golgotha, the place of the skull
 - " _____ "-Jews, Romans, us
 - " _____ "-Killer, murdered, sacrificed
 - " _____ "-Jesus, God's Lamb slain for our sins

- When did the crucifixion begin? "*The _____ hour.*"
- Jesus was crucified between two _____ -Why? (cp. Isa. 53:12c)
- As the soldiers were driving the spikes into the hands and feet of Jesus, what was His prayer to His father? "*Father, _____ them, for the do _____ know what they are doing.*" (This is the first of seven sayings from the cross.
NOTE: the Greek indicates that Jesus kept on saying this.
- What did the soldiers then do? (cp. Psalm 22:18)

◆ The Inscription

- It said, "This is _____ the _____, the _____ of the _____."
 - o Why do you suppose Pilate had this sign posted?
cp. John's account, vs. 19-22

◆ The Abuse

- "*And those passing by were _____ at Him, _____ their heads...*" (Greek indicates the usage of blasphemous words)
- What did they say?
NOTE: The admission, "He saved others..." -that Jesus had done miracles!
- Would they have believed had Jesus come down from the cross? cp. Luke 16:31

◆ The Two Thieves

- The first one: *Was hurling _____ at Jesus.*
 - What did he say?
- The other one:
 - Note Luke's account, vs. 40-42
 - What was his request of Jesus?
- Jesus' response (the second saying from the cross) "*_____ I say to you, _____ you shall be _____ Me in _____.*"

NOTE: This scene has been used by many to "prove" that baptism is not necessary, for the thief was not baptized and yet was saved. The answer is simple. First, he lived and died under the old covenant and

baptism was not required, and second, baptism that saves is "into Christ" (cp. Romans 6:3,4) and at this point in time Christ has not yet died or been resurrected. Thus baptism into Christ's death would have been impossible! The first command regarding baptism is found in Acts 2:38 from Peter as he preached on the day of Pentecost, some 50 days after the crucifixion and resurrection.

◆ The Third Saying From the Cross

- Who was at the Cross?
- What a Scene for a mother to behold! Now is fulfilled what Simon had prophesied years earlier in the Temple- cp. Luke 2:35
- (the saying) "_____, behold your son _____!...Behold, your _____!"
 - Who was the disciple to whom this was spoken?

THE LAST THREE HOURS OF THE CRUCIFIXION

TEXT: Matthew 27:45-50; Mark 15:33-37, Luke 23:44, 45a, 46; John 19:28-30

TIME: Friday, Noon - 3 pm

◆ The Darkness

- How long did this darkness last?
- What is the significance of this darkness?

◆ The Last Four Sayings From the Cross

- (4th) "_____, _____, why hast _____ forsaken Me?"
- (5th) "I am _____."
- (6th) "It is _____."
 - What was finished? cp. Heb. 9:25-28; 10:12-14
- (7th) "_____ into Thy Hands I _____ My _____."

◆ Jesus' Death

- "He _____ His head, and gave up His _____."
The greatest life that had ever lived died the greatest death ever died.

WITNESSES OF JESUS' DEATH

TEXT: Matthew 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:45b, 47-49

TIME: Friday, at the time of the crucifixion

PLACE: Jerusalem

- What is the significance of the veil splitting in the temple? cp. Heb. 9, 10
- Read and discuss the rest as time permits.