

Glimpse into eternity

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Introduction

1. Matthew 27:46; Luke 23:34, 43, 46; John 19: 26, 28, 30
2. A man's last words are important, Shakespeare wrote: "The tongue of dying men enforce attention like deep harmony: Where word are scarce, they seldom spent in vain, for they breathe truth that breathe their words in pain." Richard II
3. Great lessons can be had from the words of a dying man, so it is with Christ's dying words.

II Discussion

1. Luke 23:34 "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."
 1. Jesus taught this in Matthew 6:14-15
 2. Jesus practiced this 1 Peter 2:21
 3. It is our duty and privilege to do our part in this matter
 4. Forgiveness was and is the chief business of the cross Luke 19:10
 5. Ignorance is no excuse: the Jews had the prophets, the Gentiles had miracles Acts 3:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
2. Luke 23:43 "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise."
 1. the thieves were suffering their just deserts
 2. They say the sign, "Jesus king of the Jews"
 3. One must have known something about Jesus Luke 23:41-42
 4. Salvation is for all 1 Timothy 2:4
 1. We don't want to be saved like the thief
 2. He died before the obligations of the commission of Christ were proclaimed and bound on men.
 5. Men must now believe, repent, confess, and be baptized to be saved
3. John 19:26 "Women behold your son."
 1. Obligation to family is seen 1 Timothy 5:8
 2. This shows Christ humanity
 3. His concern for those around Him is seen, he always had compassion on others
 4. God has always been concerned about the widows and orphans Isaiah 1:17, 23
4. Matthew 27:46 "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me."
 1. Quoted Psalm 22:1 In the time of distress Jesus always quoted scriptures Matthew 4
 2. This could be His way of showing that He was fulfilling Old Testament scriptures about Himself even then
 3. See the pain of a distressed soul; He was now taking on His real duty - taking on the wrong doings of man Isaiah 53:6; 2 Corinthians 5:21
 4. There is no real answer to this question, but in eternity the answer will be known.
5. John 19:28 "I thirst."
 1. His human side now surfaces. Those who say He is not human are proven wrong by this verse
6. John 19:30 "It is finished."
 1. A lot was finished prophecy about Himself.
 2. Old Testament was finished.
 3. His work on earth was done.
 4. The price for redeeming man was paid now if full.
7. Luke 23:46 "Into thy hands I commend my spirit."
 1. His earthly work finished, now He can go home to His Father
 2. He gave up the ghost, it was His to give up and no one could take it from Him. John 10:17-18

III Conclusion

1. We have learned a number of things today:
 1. We need forgiveness and need to forgive

2. We can be saved
 3. Obligations to family are a part of life
 4. Christ had to die for us
 5. Christ is human and divine
 6. Christ's work on earth is finished.
2. Will you use the sacrifice of Christ by believing, repenting, confessing and by being baptized.

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