

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Word Of Forgiveness"
Luke 23:34
Study-100

Luke 23:32-34

John 7:46 "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."

Luke Records The 1st Word, "The Word of Forgiveness" Luke 23:34

"The Seven Words"

1st Word - "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"
(Luke 23:34)

2nd Word - "You will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43)

3rd Word - "Woman, behold your son!" (John 19:26-27)

4th Word - "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)

5th Word - "I thirst!" (John 19:28)

6th Word - "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

7th Word - "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit'" (Luke 23:46)

When we speak of "the Cross", we're not thinking of it in the purely physical sense. "The Cross" is a "shorthand" expression meaning "The Death of Jesus"

"Seven Words" are recorded: it's significant that it is **"Seven"** - is *God's perfect number. It represents completeness and wholeness.*

Thought Of The Passage: "Jesus' Prayer To The Father Was For The Forgiveness Of The Enormity Of The Sins Of The World"

- 1. The Address**
- 2. The Appeal**
- 3. The Argument**
- 4. The Answer**

1. The Address: Father - Jesus had a right relationship with the Father, that is the beginning of being able to draw strength in time of need.

Jesus in teaching His disciples to pray said, **Matthew 6:9 'Our Father**

Our Father This phrase being used in prayer really shocked the Jews - **Father** was used **14 times** in the O.T. It was used in a general sense only.

Father used **60 times** by Jesus during His ministry. **"Righteous Father," "Holy Father"** Every time Jesus addressed God, He always called God **"Father"** with exception of one.

The First Words Uttered by Jesus Are Recorded In The Gospel Of Luke:
Luke 2:49

Last Words Uttered by Jesus Was Upon The Cross: **Luke 23:46**

There Was Only One Time That Jesus Did Not Use The Name Father In Prayer: **Matthew 27:46** The reason being is when sin separated Jesus from His Father.

Father is used **275 times** in the N.T. **The term "Father" has been called "The Christian name for God"**

Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:6-7

Jesus was in fellowship with the Father – **Matthew 3:17**

Jesus committed Himself to the Father's will: John 18:11 Jesus had prayed through and surrendered to God's will.

2. The Appeal: "Forgive them" in the Greek it is repeated, Jesus said **"Father, Forgive them"** several times. This is the only statement from the cross that Jesus repeated! We don't know how many times Jesus said this prayer!

Jesus does not pray for Himself, His deliverance, He did not pray for His friends but His enemies! Matthew 5:43-45; Matthew 18:21-22

Jesus Prayed For Those Who Were Sinning And He Fulfilled God's Word:
Isaiah 53:12

If We Don't Forgive, We Are In No Condition To Receive Forgiveness: Matthew 6:14-15; Matthew 18:21-35; John 17:20-21

Who Was Jesus Praying For? Execution Party, Soldiers of The Roman Garrison: Luke 23:34

The Two Criminals. One On Each Side Of Jesus: Luke 23:32-33
Mark 15:32 were also insulting Him.

The Religious Leaders, Priests Who Hated Jesus: Mark 15:31-32
The Crowd Who Had Cried, "Crucify Him" At His Trial: Mark 15:29

Pilate: trying to ease his conscience by blaming somebody else **1**
Corinthians 2:8

His Disciples That Had Deserted Him: (Only John returned)

Nicodemus And Joseph Who Were To Minister To The Dead Body Of Jesus:

All These Groups Either Actively Or Passively Helped To Crucify Jesus - They Were All Guilty: 1 Peter 2:24

The Purpose Of Jesus' Death Was The Forgiveness Of Sin: "Forgive them" Jesus came to forgive sinners.

Paralytic - Luke 5:20 "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."

The Sinful Woman That Anointed Jesus - Luke 7:47-50

Jesus alone has the right to forgive sin, because He Is God, Deity, He is the One sinned against.

3. The Argument: for they do not know what they are doing." *They are ignorant of the enormity of their own sins.* These people did not know that Jesus was dying for their sins.

Ignorance is no excuse in the sight of the Law. **Romans 1:20**

Jesus Is Asking The Father To Charge His Account So That Jesus Could Pay With His Own Life (Postponement of the consequences):

1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 2:1-2

The Wonder Of This Word From The Cross Is Forgiveness:

Ignorant Of Their Own Actions: Forgiveness for the soldiers who nailed him to the cross. **Luke 23:34; Psalm 22:18**

Gave Jesus vinegar to drink – **Luke 23:36; Psalm 69:21**

Jesus Was Crucified With Transgressors – **Luke 23:33; Isaiah 53:12**

Ignorant Of Their Own Sin: The Law allowed for sins of ignorance. **Leviticus 4** No forgiveness of defiant sin committed with knowledge **Numbers 15:30**

Peter Said To A Crowd In Jerusalem: **Acts 3:14-15**

Acts 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:13

Forgiveness for every person who has ever sinned. 1 John 1:9

Forgiveness Has Always Been The Mark of Christianity, Following The Example of Our Savior: The first Christian martyr, Stephen, **Acts 7:58-60**

(Sometimes Forgiveness Does Not Lead To Reconciliation)

1 Peter 2:23

4. The Answer: When Was This Prayer Answered? Jesus' prayer was answered within minutes or a few hours – **Luke 23:42-43** Seven weeks after this, on the day of Pentecost, three thousand of these people, **Acts 2:41**

Days that followed, thousands more, including a great number of the priests. **Acts 6:7**

"The Doctrine Of Atonement" That God is Merciful, that He extends mercy for those that do not deserve mercy, God is also Just that He cannot wink and let sin go. His character is Righteousness. God is merciful and just, how do you reconcile these?

Psalms 85:10

Application:

1. Are Some Sins Unpardonable? No! If The Murder Of The Son Of God Can Be Forgivable For Those Who Sought Forgiveness, Then All Sins Can Be Forgiven.
2. There Is No Unpardonable Sin For Those Who Come To Christ For Forgiveness. For Those Who Refuse Him, All Sins Are Unpardonable.
3. God Can Forgive Any Sin. We Must Be Content That God Has Forgiven Our Sin Even Though Some Persons May Not Extend Forgiveness.
4. Do We Forgive Those That Don't Seek Our Forgiveness? Yes, We Forgive Offenders Which Releases Us From A Prison Of Bitterness. We Commit Our Offenders To Him: (Sometimes Forgiveness Does Not Lead To Reconciliation).