



Six Hours; Seven Statements; One Savior

I. "Father Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34a)

- At the cross we see God's love and justice colliding, which results in forgiveness.

II Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- At the cross we see the ultimate sin of ignorance being committed at the very moment the ultimate sacrifice for sin was being offered.

I Corinthians 2:8 (NIV)

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- At the cross we see how to handle our enemies.

Matthew 5:44 (NIV)

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

- At the cross we see ourselves.

2. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Isaiah 53:6)

Matthew 27:45-54 (NIV)

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴ 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 cross we see that our sin debt created a separation and required a death.

- At the cross we see that Jesus was forsaken for a moment so that we could be connected for eternity. (Galatians 3:13)

3. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30; Hebrews 10:12)

- At the cross we see that the sacrificial system is obsolete.

- The payment for sin is satisfied, and Satan is stripped of his power. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

- At the cross we see that God now sees us through the lens of the Son's completed work.

- At the cross we see God's infinite wrath collide with the sacrifice of His Infinite Son.