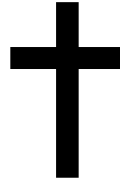


The Cross (part: 2) Luke 23:32-46



When the world turned against Jesus

Basics of Luke

Luke 23:32-33

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Jesus to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

- Criminals: (Evil doers) Matthew-Robbers :one who uses violence to rob
- The Skull: Skull (Greek-cranium); Golgatha (aramaic) ; Calvaria(Latin)
- Execution by crucifixion: Jesus in the center, two criminals: left and right

Luke 23:35-37 & 39

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

3 Insults, Taunts, Mocking, Derision (verbs are in the imperfect tense) indicated that this went on for a while—remember Jesus hung on The Cross dying suffering for 6 hours—9am to 3pm!

Wine vinegar: c/b cheap wine (wine mixed with water drunk by common people and the soldiers) or vinegar—joke played on Jesus—he’s crying for thirst and instead of water they give him vinegar (note:

not the wine mixed with myrrh offered before he was crucified (see Mark 15:23), a charitable act done by Jewish women in accordance with Proverbs 31:6-7—Myrrh was added to deaden the pain.—Romans followed through with it because it would make their job easier)

Written Notice: Common to post charges above the head of one crucified.

Irony: All statements of derision are actually true!

--Jesus Saved others by not saving himself--

Luke 23:34 & 46—Jesus Responded

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.....⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Father: prayer to God the Father

Forgive: don't count these horrible sins against those who have done this to me

Them: all those who turned against Jesus

Don't know what they are doing: blinded by sin

Divided up clothes by casting lots: Psalm 22:18 (see also Psalm 22:7, Psalm 69:21& Isaiah 53-- other prophecies that came true at crucifixion)

Jesus saw the bloodthirsty evildoers not murderers but lost sinners, sheep without a shepherd sinners in need of a savior

Jesus, the Sinless all powerful Son of God, utters a prayer from The Cross to God the Father asking Him to be gracious and merciful by forgiving those who were responsible for his horrible crucifixion

Message: **"I Love You!"**

The Greatest Miracle

Our Greatest Opportunity

2 Corinthians 5:21---The Great Exchange: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Christ took our sin and gave us His righteousness in return

1 Peter 2:24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

God the Father purposely had the perfect sinless Son of God bear the guilt of everyone's sin and thus paid the complete punishment for our sin so God's justice could be satisfied.

Jesus Christ received the full vent of God's judgment & wrath on the cross so we wouldn't have to!

The Greatest Miracle is available to you!