

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 33

Scripture of Lesson: John 19: 17~42

1. Our Lord crucified

- a. They crucified the Savior of the world without knowledge.
- b. Place: The "Skull" – a shape of a skull hewn on rock beside the place of crucifixion.
- c. Cruelty of crucifixion

2. Seven last statements of the Lord on the cross

- a. *'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'* (Luke 23: 34)
 - Who are covered in this prayer for forgiveness?
 - Should we pray the same prayer for those who afflict us?
- b. *'Truly, I tell you today, you shall be with Me in paradise'* (Luke 23: 43)
 - His grace was strong even in His final moments.
- c. *"Woman, behold your son." Then He said to the disciple (John), "Behold your mother"* (John 19:26-27)
 - The human Jesus cared about His mother.
- d. *'ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?'* (Mark 15: 34)
 - God had to turn His face away from the Lamb who was bearing all sins of humanity on the cross.
- e. *'I thirst.'* (John 19: 28)
 - He was famished on the cross to give relief to our hunger and thirst.
- f. *"It is finished"* (John 19: 30)
 - His mission was completed. What about our mission of life?
- g. *"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."* (Luke 23: 46)
 - *'Into Thine hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.'* [Psalm 31: 5]
 - Through the impending death God the Son was offering the full price for the sins of humanity to God the Father, the offended party in our relationship with God so that the sins' remission could be made. Thus, He completed the work of human salvation.

3. His suffering, death and burial

- a. Our Lord was beaten, flogged, nailed to the cross and pierced so that our sins could be forgiven, our wounds/ sicknesses healed.
 - *'But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.'* [Isaiah 53: 5]
 - *'But God commended His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'* [Romans 5: 8]
 - *'For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.'* [Hebrews 4:15]
- b. Because He suffered and died for us, we can now may seek God's grace for our sins, weaknesses and sicknesses.
 - *'Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'* [Heb 4:16]
- c. Christ's burial: In a new tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea
 - Joseph of Arimathea: a maritime merchant and a distant uncle of Jesus, said to have relocated to England during persecution.
 - Nicodemus brought a large volume of myrrh and aloes for embalming of Jesus' body.
 - Love and dedication of His disciples expressed in their tender, loving act of burial preparation.