

# JESUS SAID, “FATHER, FORGIVE THEM”

**Luke 23:26-56**

**Key Verse: 23:34a**

**Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**

**1. Who helped Jesus carry his cross and why (26)? What did he say to the wailing women (27-31)? What did Jesus mean? For what should we weep? How was Jesus executed (32-33)? Why did Jesus suffer like this (Isa 53:4-5)?** Isa 53:4-5 <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**2. Read verse 34. What did Jesus pray and for whom? What does this mean to us (Ro 3:25; 5:8; 1Pe 3:18)?** Ro 3:25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— **Ro 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **1Pe 3:18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

**3. Who mocked Jesus and how (35-39)? Why did Jesus not save himself? What did one criminal confess and request (40-42)? What did Jesus promise him (43)? How can we be with Jesus (Ac 10:43; Ro 10:9)?** Ac 10:43 “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” **Ro 10:9** If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**4. How did Luke describe Jesus' death (44-46)? What is the significance of the torn curtain (Heb 10:19-20)? Heb 10:19-20** <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, **What is the meaning of Jesus' final words? Who witnessed this (47-49)? What do the centurion's words reveal about Jesus?**

**5. Who was Joseph and how did he show his faith (50-54)? Who witnessed Jesus' burial (55-56)?**