

# ***Christ's Words on the Cross: Forgive***

*Luke 23:32-35*

## ***The Words of Jesus***

- What Jesus said while on the Cross reflects His heart and the purpose of His ministry
- As we approach Easter, we will reflect on
  - Why Jesus came
  - Why He died
  - And what His resurrection means

## ***The Four Gospels***

- Each Gospel offers a different view of the same events
- Each author highlights different elements of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- We will attempt to chronologically follow the conversations of Christ on the Cross
  - Though, we cannot know for certain the exact order

## ***The Context***

- Jesus has been beaten and has walked the long way to Golgotha
  - In Aramaic: "The Skull"
  - In Latin: calvaria (Calvary)
- He is crucified and placed between two thieves

## ***Jesus' Heart***

- Forgiveness: To pardon the sins of another in order to restore a broken relationship
  - This is why Jesus came (Luke 19:10)
- These people were murdering Him
  - Jesus' desire is to see them be restored to their heavenly Father
- Their ignorance does not make them guiltless
  - Forgiveness implies the guilt of the forgiven party
- But it does make them blind to what God is doing

## ***Practicing what He preached***

- The adulterous woman
  - By Jesus' own admission, He alone could condemn her (John 8:7)
  - And yet, He forgives her sin (John 8:10-11)
  - See Luke 7:36-50

## ***His Words to Us***

- We put Jesus on the Cross: Our sins; our rebellion

- And He died so that we might experience forgiveness
- What has anyone done to you that is worse than what that crowd and our sins did to Jesus?
  - We murdered Him as He loved us
- Who can you not forgive when you have been forgiven so much?! (Col. 3:12-13)

***So What?***

- Have we experienced the forgiveness that Jesus offers us through the Cross?
- Are we forgiving others like Jesus has forgiven us?

*Meditation Verse:* Luke 23:34a