

7 Statements of Jesus from the Cross

THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY...

(John 19:25-29; Matthew 27:45-47)

I. SIX HOURS ONE FRIDAY: THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY

A. **THIRD STATEMENT:** “*Woman, behold your _____; Behold, your mother.*”

1. This seems odd. But in Jewish custom, as the oldest son, Jesus would have the responsibility to take care of his mother for the rest of her life.
2. But why not just let that responsibility pass to one of Jesus’ brothers, like James or Jude?
3. Obedience to God doesn’t mean you forget or neglect your responsibility to family. Yet even at His death, Jesus was considering how to care for His family!
4. Mary would have more in common with John even than her own sons. John had walked with Jesus from the beginning of His ministry. She would live with John for about 12-15 years until her death. Her final 9 years would be spent near Ephesus.

B. **FOURTH STATEMENT:** “*I _____.*”

1. The bible says this was done so that Scripture would be fulfilled.
2. **Psalm 22:15**—“**My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.**”
3. Consider that Jesus would not have had anything to drink since the night before. Now we are at least at 12 noon on Friday.
4. **Psalm 69:21**—“**They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.**”

5. Every detail! Nothing is missed! It’s the same way that He works in our lives. Not a detail is missed.

II. SIX HOURS ONE FRIDAY: THE FINAL MOMENTS...

A. **FIFTH STATEMENT:** “*My God, My God! Why have You _____ Me?*”

1. This is a direct quote from Psalm 22.
2. In a real way, God turned His face away from Jesus as Jesus became sin on which God was pouring out His wrath.
3. **2 Corinthians 5:21**—“**For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**”
4. **1 Peter 2:24**—“**...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes who were healed.**”
5. **1 Peter 3:18**—“**For Christ suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.**”