



Sermon Summary – April 7, 2024

Jesus' Sacrifice: Reprise (Selected Scriptures)

In musicals a song is sometimes sung at the beginning then sung again at the end. In *Oklahoma!*, Curly sings, *Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'* as a solo at the beginning, then the cast sing it at the end as a reprise. Reprise simply means repeat. A great song in a musical is repeated. The truth and significance of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins need to be repeated. So even though we've celebrated Good Friday and Easter, today we will reprise Jesus' passion by celebrating the Lord's Supper together and look at the seven last words of Jesus from the cross.

Father Forgive Them Because they do not Know What They are Doing (Luke 23:34) - Forgiveness

In contrast to the hate of his executioners, Jesus displayed love and forgiveness. If Jesus had sins of his own to confess, then would have been the time. Instead, He prayed on behalf of others for their sin to be forgiven.

Truly I Tell, You, Today, You Will be with Me in Paradise (Luke 23:43) - Salvation

The one thief on the cross recognized Jesus' innocence in contrast to his guilt and asked that Jesus remember him when Jesus came into His kingdom. By simple faith the thief received salvation and entrance into heaven.

Women Here is your Son. Here is Your Mother (John 19:26-27) - Care

When Jesus saw His mother and the apostle John at the cross. He compassionately thought of his mother and the care she would need. Because of Jesus' kindness, His mother was cared for by the apostle whom Jesus loved.

My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me (Mark 15:34; Matthew 27:46) - Abandonment

While darkness covered the earth Jesus bore the sins of the world. In some way, there was something different between God the Father and Jesus when Jesus became sin for us. We can't explain or understand it yet are eternally grateful.

I'm Thirsty (John 19:28) - Humanity

Jesus is God and He is man. Therefore, He experienced what we humans experience, except for the consequences of sin. Therefore, He was thirsty, hungry, tired, etc. He knows what we go through. With his thirst quenched, He spoke the most meaningful words next.

It is Finished (John 19:30) - Accomplishment

Jesus came to the world to save sinners (1 Tim 1:15). With his death and shed blood, our sin had been paid for. He had accomplished the work the Father had given Him.

Father, into your Hands, I Commit My Spirit (Luke 23:46) - Surrender

Jesus always submitted to the Father's will. In His death he continued His surrender to Him. Jesus offered His life. He wasn't taken from Him. The words expressed Jesus' commitment and trust in the Father.