

Christology

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Christ: The Cross

The Hour

John 12:27-28 - “Now is my soul troubled; and **what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.** 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, [saying], I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again.”

Mat 26:45 - “Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take [your] rest: **behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.**”

“During that space of time, He, the Creator of the universe, God over all things, subjected Himself to the. Creature. He allowed them to interrogate Him. He allowed them to lie about Him. He allowed them to beat Him, to mock Him, to tear at His beard, to condemn Him, to make Him carry the beam of His cross through the city street and finally to crucify Him on that Roman cross. He was turned over to the hands of the sinners...He was being betrayed into the hands of the very ones for whom He would die (Romans 5:7-8).” - *The Son*, Tim Hoelscher

Christ stated, in no uncertain terms, that this betrayal into the hands of sinful and ungodly men was the reason He had come. What makes it so remarkable was that He willingly put Himself at their disposal to be insulted, abused, and unjustly murdered.

Christ's Statements from the Cross

#1 - Luke 23:34 - “*The said Jesus, Father, forgive them : for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*”

- Jews and Gentiles are Quilty - Acts 4:27, 28
- The Father always heard the Son's requests - John 11: 41-42
- The Father forgives the sins of mankind based on Christ's request

#2 - John 19:26-27 - “*When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own [home].*”

- Jesus was no longer addressing Mary as His earthly mother but as one of His created beings (Divine Nature)
- This looks forward to the new relationship Mary (and all believers) would have with Christ as their Resurrected Lord and Savior
- She would no longer know him as her son - 2 Corinthians 5:16

#3 - Luke 23:43 - “*And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*”

- The thieves both initially mocked and insulted Christ - Matt. 27:44
- One thief demonstrated repentance about Christ - Lu. 23:43
 - Recognized he deserved the judgment he was receiving
 - Recognized Christ did not deserve His punishment
 - Recognized the the Kingdom belonged to Christ (God)
- The result was a promise of salvation and a place with Him in Paradise

3 Hours of Silence - Luke 23:44 - *“And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.”*

- Ps. 22:1-21 - Prophetic psalm regarding the cross experience
- John 12:31-33 - A necessity for the forgiveness of sin
- 2 Cor. 5:21; Isaiah 53:6 - God made Christ to become sin for us
- The Result was spiritual separation between the Son (operating in his human nature) and the other two members of the Godhead (Father and Holy Spirit)

#4 - Matthew 27:46 - *“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”*

- Christ calling out to the Father from His human nature
- Prophetic - See Psalm 22
- The Son was completely separated and abandoned by the Father and the Holy Spirit

#5 - John 19:28 - *“After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.”*

- Prophetic fulfillment of Psalm 69:20-21
- Likely a reference to His thirst for the Spirit
- John 7:37-39 (his separation was from the Father and the Spirit); see Ps. 63:1

#6 - John 19:30 - *“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”*

- Christ’s spiritual death was finished (still more work to be done)

#7 - Luke 23:46 - *“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”*

- The Son’s relationship was restored with the Godhead (“Father“)
- The person of the Son along with His divine nature and human soul and spirit departed and only his human body remained

Christ’s Cross Work

1. Prophetic fulfillment - Matthew 26:52; Isaiah 53
2. The Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:1-3 - The facts concerning the cross work of Jesus Christ is absolutely necessary for one to be saved
3. The Ordinances of the Church
 1. Baptism - Romans 6:1-4 - pictures the work the Holy Spirit accomplishes at salvation by placing the believer into the death and resurrection of Christ
 2. Communion - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:26 - remembrance that we share in the benefits of Christ’s cross work and being placed into the Body of Christ
4. The Basis for all of our Spiritual Blessings - Romans 8:31, 32 (see also Eph. 1:3)
5. Reconciliation - No longer enemies with God - Romans 5:10-11; Colossians 1:20
6. Redemption - No longer guilty of sin - 1 Peter 1:18-19; Colossians 1:14
7. Propitiation - God’s wrath has been satisfied (no fear of condemnation) - Romans 6:10; 6:23, 1 John 2:2; 4:10
8. The Provision of Eternal Life - God’s life in us (1 John 5:11-12) - John 3:14
9. The Christian Life
 1. Romans 6:1-11; 8:3-4 - The basis for our freedom from the sin nature
 2. Romans 8:3-4 - The righteousness of the Law has been fulfilled in us

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