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SAYINGS OF JESUS

Saying #1: Prayer of Forgiveness

Saying #2: Promise of Salvation

Saying #3: Request of Relationship

Saying #4: Cry of Abandonment

Saying #5: Plea of Distress

Saying #6: Declaration of Triumph

Saying #7: Shout of Reunion

Luke 23:33-34 *When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Who are “they?”

1. Jewish people watching.

Luke 23:35 *And the people stood watching...*

2. Jewish religious leaders sneering.

Luke 23:35 *...the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”*

3. Roman soldiers mocking.

Luke 23:36-38 *The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews.*

4. Executed criminal blaspheming.

Luke 23:39 *One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”*

Insults led to Irony.

- Jesus was the promised Jewish Messiah.
- Jesus was the King of Kings.
- Jesus was the Savior of the world.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 *Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

Ignorance led to Impact.

Acts 3:17-19 *“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out...”*

You cannot commit a sin so big that God can’t forgive.

We are not to see ourselves as the beholders of justice, but of forgiveness.

Acts 7:59-60 *While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”*