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Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

The Forgiving God

From the Series,
"What Is God Like?"

Luke 23:32-46

Preached 3/29/15

Meadow Baptist Church

1. The Irony At The Cross (32-33)

- a. The companions of Christ (32) - "Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him."
- b. The cause of Christ (33a) - "And when they came to the place that is called The Skull..." **A picture of Life submitting to death**
- c. The centrality of Christ (33b) - "...there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left."

2. The Words Around The Cross (34-38)

- a. Jesus prayed (34) - "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Imperfect Greek verb; Jesus prayed over and over
- b. Leaders blasphemed (35) - "And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save himself, if He is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"
- c. Soldiers ridiculed (36-37) - "The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- d. Truth stood (38) - "There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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3. The Faith At The Cross (39-43)

- a. One blind man (39) - "One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
- b. One believing man (40-42) - "But the other rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong. And he said, Jesus, remember me when You come into your kingdom."
- c. One beloved Man (43) - "And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

4. The Finish Upon The Cross (44-46)

- a. The witness of nature (44-45a) - "It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed."
- b. The witness of the temple (45b) - "And the curtain of the temple was torn in two."
The barrier between God & man was removed!
- c. The witness of Jesus (46) - "Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last."