

I. Open Your Eyes & Behold The Scene (32-33)

- A. A hopeless pair of prisoners (32) – “Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him.”
- B. An ominous backdrop of fear (33a) - “And when they came to the place that is called The Skull...”
- C. A cruel and common execution (33b) – “...there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left.”

II. Close Your Eyes & Open Your Ears (34-38)

- A. Hear the merciful words of Jesus (34a) – “And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”
- B. Hear the cutting words of the religious (34b) – “And they cast lots to divide His garments. 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. Hear the skeptical words of the pagans (36) – “The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”
- D. Hear the prophetic words of Pilate (38) – “There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

III. Humble Your Heart & Soak In The Grace (39-43)

- A. Note the presumption at the cross (39) – “One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” **He wanted salvation without surrender**
- B. Experience the contrition at the cross (40) – “But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”
- C. Embrace the petition at the cross (42) – “And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
- D. Rejoice in the effect of the cross (43) – “And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”