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#### Notes

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- The kingdom of men is one of guilt, fear, danger, and never ending striving.
- God's kingdom is a kingdom of forgiveness, belonging, safety and rest.

## **Jesus desires forgiveness over guilt** (Luke 23:33-38)

- We are guilty but Jesus offers forgiveness

"Jesus' words "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" are found in Luke 23:34. Jesus looked down from the cross upon a scene that must have been distressing to Him. The Roman soldiers were gambling for His clothing (John 19:23–24); the criminals on the crosses to either side of Him were reviling Him (Matthew 27:44); the religious leaders were mocking Him (Matthew 27:41–43); and the crowd was blaspheming Him (Matthew 27:39). Surrounded by this most unworthy lot, Jesus prayed for them. "Father, forgive them" is a prayer of unmatched mercy and love.

Even in His agony, Jesus' concern was for the forgiveness of those who counted themselves among His enemies."

## **Jesus desires belonging over fear (Luke 23:39-43)**

- We face a fearful destiny but Jesus offers safety

## **Jesus desires the safety of God's hands over His own (Luke 23:44-49)**

- Even Christ surrendered to God's hands (c.f. 1 Pet. 2:22-23)

## **Jesus' death points to rest in God's Kingdom over man's (Luke 23:50-56)**

- Do not consent to the kingdoms of men (Luke 23:51)
- God's Kingdom comes

"The Roman centurion at the foot of the cross, upon seeing how Jesus died, exclaimed, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39). One of the two thieves crucified with Jesus exercised faith in Christ, who promised him paradise Luke 23:39-43). A member of the Sanhedrin publicly aligned himself with Jesus (John 19:39). And, a little over a month later, three thousand people in Jerusalem were saved in one day as the church began (Acts 2:41)."

"On the cross Jesus provided forgiveness for all those who would ever

believe in Him (Matthew 20:28). Jesus paid the penalty for the sins that we commit in our ignorance, and even the ones we've committed deliberately. When we are born again, we, too, become an answer to Jesus' prayer "Father, forgive them."

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