

# First and Last

## VII

### Words from the Cross

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<sup>26</sup>As they led Him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A large number of people followed Him, including women who mourned and wailed for Him. <sup>28</sup>Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me; weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then “they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”” <sup>31</sup>For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” <sup>32</sup>Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up His clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”

Luke 23:26-35 (NIV)

#### Setting:

- Jesus has experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ night
- Six \_\_\_\_\_ trials – trials could not be held at night.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ trials, 3 \_\_\_\_\_ trials
- He has been beaten, tortured and has a crown of thorns on his head
- Now Jesus is on a hill called “\_\_\_\_\_”
- 7 last words – 3 to \_\_\_\_\_, 4 to \_\_\_\_\_

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

Revelation 13:8 (NIV)

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:8 (NIV)

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

1 Timothy 1:13 (NIV)

#### Focal Passage:

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:34 (NIV)

#### What is our reaction to Sin?

1. Try to \_\_\_\_\_ it

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:3-5 (NIV)

2. Find someone else to \_\_\_\_\_

The man said, “The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Genesis 3:12-13 (NIV)

3. Live with the \_\_\_\_\_

My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.  
Psalm 38:4 (NIV)

### What does Jesus want us to do with our sin?

1. A \_\_\_\_\_

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.  
1 John 1:9 (NIV)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.  
Psalm 51:4 (NIV)

3. A \_\_\_\_\_

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.  
Romans 3:23-24 (NIV)

4. A \_\_\_\_\_

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.  
Acts 3:19 (NIV)

“Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps He will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.”

Acts 8:22 (NIV)

### What does Jesus do with our sin?

1. He forgives \_\_\_\_\_

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14 (NIV)

2. He forgives \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.  
Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

3. He forgives \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Psalm 32:1-2 (NIV)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)