



Sermon Discussion Questions

“They Crucified Him” (Luke 23:26-43)

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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

Imagine for a moment what it might have been like to be a witness to the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus. What we might have seen if we were there. What we might have heard if we were there. We get some help, and really all the help that we need, from Luke who gave us this gospel account. There are sights and sounds in this inspired text for our great help. Help to consider the heart of our faith. Somehow, every time Jesus opens his mouth in the course of his crucifixion, he is concerned with and for us. And so we can say that the heart of the cross is Jesus’s heart for the lost. His suffering in this passage is the canvas on which for us to view the painting of his heart.

Sermon Outline

1. A Prophecy (Luke 23:26-31)
2. A Prayer (Luke 23:32-38)
3. A Promise (Luke 23:39-43)

Quotations

Discussion Questions

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on?
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most? Why?

Deeper Reflection

1. The first time Jesus speaks in this passage is with a prophecy to highlight our need for the cross (vv. 26-31). What surprising warning does Jesus give those who were mourning and lamenting for him? What does Jesus mean when he speaks of “days that are coming”? How would it be a blessing for the barren and wombs that never bore? Jesus is speaking about a coming judgement; when did that take place (or is it yet to come)? How might these verses give us a stark reminder of our own predicament and coming judgement?
2. What symbolism do we see in Simon carrying the cross of Jesus? What does it mean to you when Jesus commands his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matt 16:24)?



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3. In v. 34 we see the second time Jesus speaks in this text, and it is a prayer that highlights the meaning of the cross. Who is Jesus specifically praying for in v. 34? Imagine unjustly dying for crimes you didn't commit, and in your dying moments having your focus not on your own pain and suffering, but on those around you. What would that be like? How does this reveal the heart of Christ and his love towards us?
4. We've seen how forgiveness is possible and why it's necessary. But where does forgiveness lead? We have seen a prophecy that highlights our need for the cross, a prayer that highlights the meaning of the cross, and now a promise that highlights an opportunity for each of us in vv. 39-43. Namely, being with Jesus in his very presence, forever. When you take an honest personal assessment regarding your thoughts on eternal life and heaven, do you think first about it as getting to be with Jesus? If not, what do you most think about?

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?