

Luke 23:26-34 Father Forgive Them

Our Typical Expressions of Forgiveness

1. We expect people to acknowledge their need for our forgiveness
2. We expect people to earn our forgiveness
3. We offer forgiveness for our own well-being



Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' Matthew 27:39-40

I. The first words of Jesus from the cross are a prayer of preemptive forgiveness

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

- A. Our sin has blinded us to our sin
- B. God always leads with forgiveness.

"Friend, your sins are forgiven." Luke 5:20...**Jesus spoke these words before this man even asked for forgiveness**

II. Jesus prayed these words repeatedly

III. The clear implication of this that following Jesus means that we are a forgiving people

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Matthew 6:12