

Jesus On The Cross: The Seven Words Of Christ

The Forgiveness

Luke 23.33-38

³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

³⁴ But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

³⁵ And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,

³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

³⁸ Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

The reason Jesus died on the cross is so that our sins may be forgiven.

The Cross Reveals God's Desire, Jesus' Purpose And Our Need. Forgiveness.

If Jesus were to save himself, he could not save us. Our sin would not have been paid for. And God

desired to provide forgiveness.

The Nature Of Forgiveness

You cannot separate Jesus from forgiveness. It is his nature and purpose to forgive. The story of Jesus is, ultimately, a story of forgiveness.

But, forgiveness is not cheap nor is it automatic. It cost Jesus his life, and it will cost you yours as well.

Forgiveness and Faith are inseparable.

Forgiveness is always available, but seldom experienced.