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“come just as you are”
Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord fill the people with Your wisdom and understanding, as in what You gave, for You gave Your life willingly and you could have called ten thousand angels for Your release. Still.. You went and suffered, You did God's will and not Your will, You gave Your life willingly for us. Let the people understand this life blood gift, for You are the atoning blood. You also are the judge and will judge all of us righteously. Lord I pray for the people forgive them for they do not know what they do today. Save them Lord, let NO one be left behind. Mercy , mercy my Lord. The birth pains increase and I pray all Your loved ones are ready, in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Scripture

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. 7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. Luke 3:1; 8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Luke 9:7; 9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. 11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nothing, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. 12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves. Acts 4:27;

13 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Matt 27:23; Mark 15:14; John 18:38; John 19:4; 14 Said to them, You have brought this man to me, as one that perverts the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof you accuse him: 15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, see, nothing worthy of death is done to him. 16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him. 17 (For of necessity he must release one to them at the feast.) Matt 27:15; Mark 15:6; John 18:39; 18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas: Acts 3:14; 19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spoke again to them. 21 But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

Luke 23: 6-21

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On the way to Calvary; " Weep not for me, but for yourselves and your children" it seems to be an echo of the murderous words they had just heard, " His blood be on us and on our children" (Matthew 27:25). Oh how His blood has been on them through out all these centuries. Chapter 23: 32-49.. The Crucifixion (Matthew 27: 26-56; Mark 15: 21-41; John 19: 17-37).

Both robbers at first joined in the mockery, but one changed his mind and in one respect, he put the disciples to shame. For two years or more Jesus had tried so hard to teach them that His kingdom was not to be a kingdom of this world, now He was dying. To them that was the end of His kingdom, no thought that He would come to life again to reign in glory, but to the robber not so. Perhaps, from the outskirts of a crowd, He had heard Jesus talk of His kingdom and though Jesus was now dying, the robber still believed that He had a kingdom beyond the grave. A robber understood Jesus better than Jesus' own intimate friends. He surely loved sinners as He returned to God, He bore in His arms the soul of a robber, first fruits of His mission to redeem a world.

Crucifixion was Rome's punishment for slaves, foreigners, and criminals who were not Roman citizens. It was the most agonizing and cruel death of the age. Nails were driven through the hands and feet, and the victim was left hanging there in agony, starvation, insufferable thirst and excruciating convulsions of pain. Death usually followed in four to six days, in Jesus' cast it was over in six hours. Did you ever think about it...how it felt...can you see the hammer raised high and lowering and pounding , driving the nail/spikes into His hands, do you feel His agony.....listen.....I hear it.....His heart beating....beat, beat, beat.....than He cries outforgive them for they NO not what they do.....the blood rushing from His side....it is finished.....hear the wail, the weeping of those whom loved Him and His friends whom He spent 3 years with, hear them weep.....they loved Him but deserted Him, and Jesus forgave them....and told them to go and tell it preach it.....He forgave them....just like He forgave me and you....for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.....He knew what He was getting in you when He called you.....He see's the beginning and the end....He already knows you.....has seen everything you have done, and He knows your heart.....you are NO surprise to Him.....for He knew you and called you by name in the womb.....

There is a tradition that the actual cross on which Jesus was crucified was found, A.D. 325, under the site of the present Church of the Holy Sepulchre, identified by a miracle of healing on one who touched it. Tiny fragments were sold. There was such demand for it that there was invented the miracle of multiplication of the cross so that pieces could be removed, and yet leave the cross intact.

At 9 A.M. Golgotha, as they are about to drive the nails in His hands and feet, they offer Him wine mixed with gall, to stupefy Him, and deaden the sense of His pain, but He refused it. Father, forgive them; they know not what they do, as they nailed him to the cross. It is hard for us to control our anger for His murderers even as we read about it, but He was absolutely without resentment. His garments are parted among the soldiers, the superscription; "King of the Jews," is placed above His head, in three languages; Hebrew, Latin and Greek, so that all might read and understand what crime He was accused of. I read a lawyer of today's thesis on this if His trial was today; their were people whom practiced perjury , false witness, betrayal.....He was set up....the judge was on the take, all witnesses bought, and the jury hung Him, He was convicted and died for it. He had done nothing wrong, no evidence...nothing....

He was mocked, scoffed, railed on, jeered, and spit on, by the chief priests, elders, scribes and soldiers, it was a hard hearted, inhuman, brutal, crowd. The whip that they whipped Him with had nails on the ends of it, it was designed to tear the flesh from a human body...yet....He did not cry out...

"Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise, " to the penitent robber, possibly after an hour or two. "Woman, behold thy son." To John, " behold thy mother." Jesus even in agony made sure His mother would be taken of, He was the eldest in His family, so when Joseph died He would have been responsible for her care and support. When the eldest child died it usually went to the next son for him to take care of the mother, property, etc. Women were not allowed to own land (though there is in scripture some daughters that did). Women had no rights or even a voice in government, they were classified as property, just as the slaves were in US history. Today in foreign countries they are still slaves...they are beaten, sexually abused....etc. It is legal still in many countries. As it drew on toward noon, after the jeering mob had gone. Jesus prayed for His murderers, promised Paradise to the robber, and provided a home for His mother, which was His last earthly act.

Darkness, from noon till 3. His first three hours on the cross marked by words of mercy and kindness. Now He enters the final stage of expiation for human sin. The darkness may symbolize God's withdrawal, so that it might be an act of complete atonement. What Jesus suffered in that last awful three hours we can never know in this world.

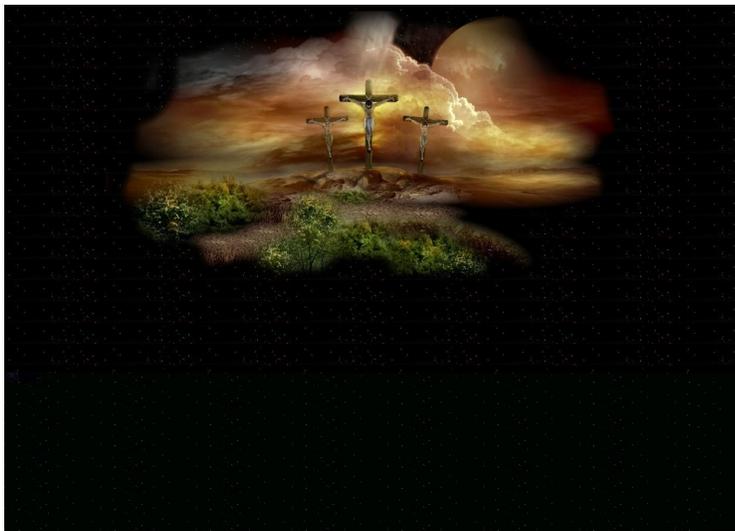
His last four utterances came just as He was expiring. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" (He knows our agony as when we are going through, that sometimes we wonder where God is, He went through it, though our God did not leave Him...He took Him home back with Him.) (He is seldom early, never late, but always just in time.....) Alone in pains of hell, to keep us from going there. "I thirst" burning fever and excruciating thirst were the accompaniments of crucifixion, it may have meant more. They offered Him vinegar, His sufferings over, He took it.

"It is finished" a triumphant relief and joy, the long reign of human sin and death is broken. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." to paradise. The earthquake, veil rent, tombs opened. God's salute. The centurion believes. The multitudes grief-stricken. "Blood and water" from His side. Joseph and Nicodemus ask for His body, for burial. Night settles on the blackest, foulest crime in history.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 1965. commentaries page 523-524)

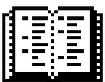
Do you struggle with feeling like you need to earn God's love and favor? There is nothing you can do to make God love you any more, and there is nothing you have done that makes God love you any less.....

People say well where was God when I needed Him, why did He not do anything? Mankind did not want God, they wanted a King. Mankind wanted free will, even at the very beginning; God gave man exactly what He wanted and asked for. When we weep God knows and collect our tears and remembers them. He yearns to hold us, comfort us.....and He was in the same place where He was at when His Son was murdered.....yet He did not destroy us.. eliminate us.....He love us....and gave His Son for us so that we could be redeemed....He loves us that much....so how is your love life?? What are you doing with the gift, He gave you??



Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa (video player; live cast)

Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24th,
at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve service on Friday, December 31st,
from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Communion will be served at the New Year's Eve service

Christmas Eve...all West Coast times noted;

Central Time; 8:00 pm;

East Coast; 9:00 pm for Friday

New Year's EveWest Coast; 9:00 pm ; Central Time; 11:00 pm

East Coast; 12:00 pm (midnight)

