

The Cross: Seven Sayings.

- i. "Father, forgive them..."

Luke 23:34 - *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.*

Jesus forgave and forgives because we "do not know what we are doing..."

- ii. "Today...with me in paradise"

Luke 23:43 - *And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

Adam and Eve were dismissed and not allowed to return to Eden; Christ offers us Paradise forever the moment we repent.

- iii. "Woman, behold your son..."

John 19:27 - *Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.*

Jesus gives us responsibility to watch over one another...widows, orphans, needy...

- iv. "My God, My God..."

Matthew 27:46 - *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

For our sins He was forsaken...no one wants to be forsaken even when deserving.

- v. "I thirst"

John 19:28 - *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"*

Jesus suffocated to death that He would pour upon us His Living Water.

- vi. "It is finished"

John 19:30 - *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

Jesus effected salvation completely; everything that was done was done and completely done.

- vii. "Into your hands..."

Luke 23:46 - *And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.*

The relationship between the Father and Son is so perfect that nothing can come in between – Jesus came doing the Father's will, He was obedient to the Father while doing His will and eventually in the Father's hands He was after accomplishing the mission.