

STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS

Lesson #3 -Behold Your Mother

Scripture Reading: John 19:25-27

Introduction:

1. It can be difficult to think of the needs of others when we are in distress.
2. Even through the death of Jesus He was still thinking of the needs of others.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. EXTERNAL OBSERVATIONS

1. John and Mary were at the cross of Jesus
 - a. He loved His mother and John was called “The disciple whom Jesus loved”
 - b. Their devotion for Jesus was clearly seen
2. Joseph most likely had passed away
 - a. Last mention of him was in Lk 2:41-52
 - b. It was only His mother and brothers seeking Him later -Lk 8:19-21
3. The brothers of Jesus did not believe Him -Jn 7:5
4. Some question, “Did John have a home in Jerusalem?” -This is unknown
5. It is likely that John did not lead Mary away from the cross right then. John gave additional eyewitness account after His statement.

B. OTHER OBSERVATIONS

1. Remember Simon’s prophecy -Lk 2:34, 35
2. Mary is now at the foot of the cross; she can do nothing for her Son.

II. TWO ROLES OF JESUS

A. HE IS HER SON

1. He seeks to provide for her physical needs through John
2. Honor father and mother was from the Law -Ex 20:12
3. The Pharisees failed to honor their parents -Mt 15:1-9
4. We are to provide for our households today -1Ti 5:8

B. HE IS HER SAVIOR

1. Mary was in need of salvation as the rest of us are.
 - a. All have sinned and fallen short... -Ro 3:23
 - b. Some try and immortalize her. In response, we cannot ignore her either.
2. The pain and agony that Jesus endured kept Mary and the world from hell.

Conclusion:

1. Jesus is our Savior today!
2. Through His precious blood we are cleansed
3. Through obedience to the gospel, we come in contact with the blood of Jesus