

STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS

Lesson #5 -I Thirst

Scripture Reading: John 19:28-30

Introduction:

1. Last week's lesson is the hardest of all sayings of Jesus according to F. F. Bruce.
2. Two words of Jesus reveals to us His deity and His humanity which gives us strong faith in Him.

I. THE DEITY OF JESUS

A. CONSIDER ALL HE HAS ENDURED TO THIS POINT

1. The scourging and mocking
2. The pain and agony of the cross
3. He became sin (2Co 5:21) and a curse for us (Ga 3:13)
4. He was separate from the Father -Mk 15:34

B. HE FULFILLED PROPHECY

1. Jesus knew that all things had been fulfilled to that point -Jn 19:28a
2. One more item remained; the fulfillment of Ps 69:21; 22:15.
 - a. Jesus said, "I thirst"; this was His part of the fulfillment of prophecy.
 - b. The soldiers gave Him sour wine, or vinegar to drink. This fulfilled what they would give Him (they unwittingly fulfilled prophecy!) -Ps 69:21.
3. "I thirst" was the only physical pain Jesus stated from the cross.
4. The vessel of sour wine:
 - a. This is not to be confused with the gall He was offered earlier -Mk 15:23
 - i. This was to dull His senses.
 - ii. The vinegar would sharpen His senses
 - b. The sour wine / vinegar was for the soldiers to drink.
 - c. They filled a sponge full of the sour wine /vinegar.
 - d. They put it on a hyssop (these stalks ranged from 1 ½ feet to 3 feet in length).

II. THE HUMANITY OF JESUS

A. THE POWER OF JESUS

1. He healed the blind and lame
2. He walked on water and cast out demons

B. HIS BODY WAS LIKE OURS

1. He felt hunger -Mt 4:2
2. He felt physical exhaustion -Mt 8:24
3. He felt physical pain -Jn 19:28

III. OUR RESPONSE TODAY

A. WE REALIZE THAT OUR FAITH IS PROPERLY INVESTED IN JESUS!

1. He fulfilled all prophecy concerning Him -Jn 19:28
2. No one else can accurately claim this.
3. Jesus is the one and only Savior -Jn 14:6; Ac 4:12

B. WE, LIKE HIM, REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE VERY END

1. Throughout all the pain and suffering Jesus did not sin, but remained faithful to the Father.
2. Jesus calls us to do the same -Re 2:10; Mt 10:22; 2Ti 4:6-8

Conclusion:

1. Jesus is our example to follow -1Pe 2:22, 23
2. Jesus conquered sin, death, and He has provided us our way back to the Father.