

SEVEN

SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS

"Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing."

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

"Woman, here is your son."
"Here is your mother."

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

"I'm thirsty."

"It is finished."

"Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit."

Luke 23:34 (CSB) Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing." And they divided his clothes and cast lots.

Jesus' first statement from the cross:

1) The Prayer of Jesus

Luke 3:21 (CSB) "When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As he was praying, heaven opened"

Matthew 5:43–48 (CSB) ⁴³"You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

2) The Pardon of Jesus

a. His Desire that all would be saved

1 Timothy 2:3–4 (CSB) ³This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 (CSB) "The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance."

b. His Destiny on the cross

2 Cor. 5:21 (CSB) "He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

1 Peter 2:24 (CSB) "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree; so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."