

## TO SKULL PLACE

### Luke 23:26-34

Rome intended those she crucified to be public spectacles for an extended period in order to \_\_\_\_\_ crime Jesus had been \_\_\_\_\_ with a whip composed of thongs weighted with lead balls that caused deep bruising So Jesus didn't die on the way to Skull Place, the soldiers forced \_\_\_\_\_ of Cyrene to carry the cross for Him

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ NOT FOR ME, BUT \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOURSELVES

##### A. Jesus Was Focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ that Would Befall Others rather than What He Faced

- 1) Jesus knew these women would endure the brunt of the siege of \_\_\_\_\_ by Titus in 70 AD
- 2) Jesus emphasized the horror of this judgment upon the Daughters of Jerusalem by 3 sayings:
  - a) Beatitude (v.29): In that day, nothing was more important to a woman than having children, but when judgment fell on Jerusalem, women would judge it a blessing to NOT have \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Proverb (v.31): Jesus was like green wood that burns with difficulty and the Jews like dry wood that burns easily—if the \_\_\_\_\_ judged Him when sinless what would they do to rebellious Jews
  - c) Prophecy (v.30): in both 70 AD and the Final Judgment, those who cried out to the \_\_\_\_\_ to fall on them rejected Jesus; He was grieved that they would bear judgment they didn't have to

##### B. Jesus Was Focused on the Needs of \_\_\_\_\_ rather than His Own Pain

- 1) The "mind of Christ" (Phil.2:5) is the concern Jesus had for others as He made His way to the \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) We must learn to look out for the \_\_\_\_\_ of others even when we are down or suffering

#### II. FATHER, \_\_\_\_\_ THEM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY DO

##### A. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ Assures Us that He Has Made a Way of Forgiveness

- 1) As He was crucified, Jesus interceded with God: He began to do the work of our great \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Jesus had the right to ask God to forgive because He was at that very moment shedding His \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them"—who was He praying for? "Them" is indefinite and \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) "Them" reaches down through the centuries to include us: our \_\_\_\_\_ nailed Jesus to the cross
- 5) The verb "do" is present tense—not "done" or "will do" but "do" to include sinners of \_\_\_\_\_ times

##### B. Jesus' Prayer Teaches Us to \_\_\_\_\_ as He Forgave

*Ephesians 4:32: "Forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."*

*Colossians 3:13: "Forgiving one another ... even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."*

*1 Peter 2:21: "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps."*

- 1) Jesus forgave—let \_\_\_\_\_ of the sin against him in His own heart—before ever being asked to forgive
  - a) We are also responsible to call the one who sins against us to repentance & seek \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Forgiveness, even when reconciliation doesn't happen, keeps us from the poison of \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Jesus paid the \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to offer forgiveness to those who sinned so grievously against Him Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ : the one who forgives bears the pain rather than the one who sinned
- 3) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for those He forgave; when we can pray and honestly ask God to bless those who have wronged us, then it is evidence of genuine forgiveness in our hearts