

MOTHERHOOD AT THE CROSS

John 19:16-27

John deliberately pictures two groups of four: the four Roman soldiers and the four women who loved _____

1) Mary mother of Jesus 2) Mary's sister _____ mother of John 3) Mary wife of Clopas 4) Mary Magdalene

I. A NATURAL REACTION TO THE CROSS

According to Luke 2, when Joseph & Mary took Jesus to the temple to dedicate Him, _____ took the baby in his arms, blessed Him and prophesied; his final words: A _____ will pierce through your own soul also

A. Mary Reacted to the Physical _____ of the Cross

Crucifixion was developed by the _____ to torture not just physiologically but psychologically

B. Mary Reacted to the Intentional _____ of the Cross

1) John spends 2 lengthy verses—60+ words to describe what the soldiers did with Jesus' _____

2) John was trying to say something without literally saying it, that Jesus was _____ on the cross

3) As our Sin-Bearer, as our Substitute, Jesus bore not just the punishment of our sin, but its _____

C. Mary Reacted to the Deadly _____ of the Cross

Applications:

1) A mother may serve God and know His grace and yet her child(ren) bring her grief and _____

2) Even while hanging on the cross in agony, Jesus ministered to His mother in her _____ and pain

II. A CHANGED RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE CROSS

Jesus addressed Mary not as "Mother" but _____ ; the word harks back to John 2, the wedding at Cana

A. At Cana, Mary sought to prompt her son to reveal Himself at _____ by performing a miracle in public

1) Jesus responded, "Woman, what to me and to you?" This address indicated no _____ to Mary

2) Jesus was indicating he was no longer _____ to Mary, but now was about His Father's business

B. At the Cross, Jesus addressed Mary as "Woman" to indicate their relationship must _____ again

1) Mary must no longer relate to Jesus according to a mother-son relationship; she must not depend on her act of giving birth to Jesus for favor with God; she must see Jesus as her _____ & Lord

2) Every mother must seek to have a _____ relationship w/ her child as well as a blood relationship

III. A NEW FAMILY BECAUSE OF THE CROSS

A. The 2 sentences in vv.26-27 indicate Jesus' straightforward obedience to the _____ Commandment

1) Part of "honoring" our mothers is caring for them when they no longer can: Jesus did—on the _____

2) Jesus accepted no excuses from the _____ and He did not use the cross to excuse Himself

B. Why did Jesus entrust the care of Mary to _____ & not to His 3 half-brothers, James, Simon & Jude?

1) Because they were not yet believers; while He hung on the cross, Jesus formed the _____ of God

2) The relationship we have in the family of God supersedes _____
