

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **John 19:28**.
- B. This is the fourth in a sermon series on the sayings of Jesus while on the cross. Jesus said seven very important things while being crucified and they deserve our study.
- C. This series will continue next Sunday night, Lord willing.
- D. The seven sayings are:
 - 1. "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk. 23:34).
 - 2. "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise" (Lk. 23:43).
 - 3. "Woman, behold, your son!" **27** Then He said^ to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" (Jn. 19:26-27)
 - 4. "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" (Mt. 27:46).
 - 5. "I am thirsty" (Jn. 19:28).
 - 6. "It is finished!" (Jn. 19:30).
 - 7. "Father, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT" (Lk. 23:46).
- E. Tonight's lesson comes from Jn. 19:28.
"I am thirsty."
- F. The next five points are some of the things that Jesus statement says to me that are important.

I. FIRST, IT TELLS OF HIS HUMBLING HIMSELF.

- A. The Bible teaches that Jesus "upholds all things by the word of His power" (Heb. 1:3), yet, He has allowed evil men to come and torture Him and crucify Him.
- B. This to me shows Jesus humble spirit in doing what God desires, die for all the sins of mankind (Phil. 2:5-8).
Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

II. SECOND, IT TELLS OF HIS HUMANITY.

- A. Jesus was suffering great pain. Jesus had felt different kinds of pain throughout His ministry:
 - 1. He felt the pain of the death of a friend (Lazarus).
 - 2. He felt the pain of the people lost in sin like sheep w/o a shepherd.
 - 3. He feels the pain caused by His physical body being slowly killed on the cross.
- B. Crucifixion is a slow death that produces great thirst. Witnesses to crucifixions remark of the victim always crying out for water to help quench their great thirst. Jesus was not having an "easier crucifixion" than others. He was in the agony of thirst.
- C. Jesus could change many (80?) gallons of water to wine, and yet said, "I thirst" (Heb. 2:18).
For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

III. THIRD, IT TELLS OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER.

- A. Wine mixed with gall was a potion to deaden the senses and would have alleviated some of the pain of the slow death. Yet, Jesus suffered for all when He went to the cross. There was no easy way out.
- B. Matthew 27:34 records that Jesus refused to drink so that none could have any claim against Him that Jesus went through an un-painful death.
...they gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.
- C. Jesus suffered and bled and died for me; and one reason that I know He suffered was because of His statement, "I thirst."

IV. **FOURTH, IT TELLS OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO DIE.**

- A. Jesus is called the Prince of life of Peter in Ac. 3:15 and this one who preached and taught of eternal life is now ready to die. He is to taste death for every man.
- B. May we take great comfort in the last words of Jesus while on the cross of “I thirst” and “It is finished” and “Into thy hands I commit my spirit.” See Heb. 2:14.
Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;...
- C. Jesus could have changed many things about His death, but didn’t so that we can live as well as face our own death with great courage (Rev. 1:18).
and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

V. **FIFTH, IT TELLS OF HIS FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY.**

- A. Jesus would not let one jot or tittle to pass from the Law until all was fulfilled. His drinking and His thirsting were part of that prophecy.
- B. Remember our text (19:28) which says that according to the prophecy Jesus said, “I thirst.”
- C. As far as I’m concerned Jesus would not have had to say this for me to believe in His bodily crucifixion, but it was said for the benefit of the prophecy. Even if it was not recorded that He said it, I would still believe in the over-whelming amount of prophecy fulfilled in His life to believe that He is the Son of God.
- D. Note these scripture texts: Psa. 22:15; 69:3, 21 along with Mt. 5:17-18 and Rev. 19:10.
(Psa 22:15) My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.
(Psa 69:3) I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched; My eyes fail while I wait for my God. 21 They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
(Mt 5:17-18) “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. 18 “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.
(Rev 19:10) And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said^ to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The five things I get from Jesus’ statement, “I thirst” are:
 - 1. His humbleness to be obedient in all things even death.
 - 2. His humanity in suffering pain and death for me.
 - 3. His fulfillment of all prophecy no matter how “big” or “small.”
 - 4. His willingness to suffer through the long death of crucifixion.
 - 5. His willingness to die.
- B. Oh, how great a Savior we have!
- C. As heaven’s invitation is extended may we look to dying with Jesus in the waters of baptism and dying daily as we walk the Xian life.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.