

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **John 19:23-30**.
- B. By using the PowerPoint tonight I want to try and give you a fun and hopefully easy way to remember the crucifixion. Can you count to seven?

I. ONE LORD.

- A. See Eph. 4:5.
...one Lord, one faith, one baptism,...
- B. No one else could have died for us--it took the death of X (Heb. 9:11-15; Rev. 5:9).
(Heb 9:11-15) But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; **12** and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. **13** For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, **14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **15** And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
(Rev 5:9) And they sang^ a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou was slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

II. TWO THIEVES.

- A. See Mk. 15:27.
And they crucified^ two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left.
- B. This fulfilled prophecy (Isa. 53:12).
Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.
- C. What awful company our Lord endured.
- D. The people reviled X along with the thieves (Mt. 27:43-44).
"HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER *Him* now, IF HE TAKES PLEASURE IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" **44** And the robbers also who had been crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

III. THREE CROSSES.

- A. See Mt. 27:38.
At that time two robbers were^ crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.
- B. One thief died IN his sin.
- C. The second died TO his sin.
- D. On the center cross, X died FOR our sin (1Cor. 15:1-4).
Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

IV. FOUR "PARTS" OF HIS GARMENTS.

- A. See Jn. 19:23-24.
The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. **24** They said therefore to one

another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it shall be"; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS."

- B. Imagine three men dying and the soldiers casting lots (throwing dice) for their garments!

V. FIVE WOUNDS.

- A. See Jn. 20:24-28.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." **26** And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came[^], the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace *be* with you." **27** Then He said[^] to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." **28** Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

- B. Two hands, two feet, and one side ($2 + 2 + 1 = 5$).
- C. It is true that the crown may have pierced His skin, but we know that these five did.

VI. SIX HOURS.

- A. See Mk. 15:25-33.

And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. **26** And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS." **27** And they crucified[^] two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. **28** <And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors."> **29** And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who *are going to* destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, **30** save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" **31** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking *Him* among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. **32** "Let *this* Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" And those who were crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him. **33** And when the sixth hour had come, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour.

- B. This means that X was crucified from about 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- C. The darkness that came upon the earth was from high noon to 3:00pm (Mt. 27:45).
Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.
- D. We can only imagine the awful agony that He must have felt during these 6 hours.

VII. SEVEN UTTERANCES.

- A. Jesus said seven things while hanging on the cross. None were accidents or babbling. All have great meaning concerning His death.

- B. The seven sayings are:

- 1. See Mt. 27:46.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

- 2. See Lk. 23:34.

But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

- 3. See Lk. 23:43.

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

- 4. See Lk. 23:46.

And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." And having said this, He breathed His last.

- 5. See Jn. 19:26-27.

*When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said[^] to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" **27** Then He said[^] to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.*

- 6. See Jn. 19:28.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said[^], "I am thirsty."

7. See Jn. 19:30.

When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. This is as easy as counting to seven for us to remember the Lord's death.
 - 1. One Lord.
 - 2. Two thieves.
 - 3. Three crosses.
 - 4. Four "parts" of His garments.
 - 5. Five wounds.
 - 6. Six hours.
 - 7. Seven utterances.
- B. We must do it in a right manner or we will be eating drinking damnation to ourselves when we eat the LS.
- C. And we must remember that if we go back into sin, that it means we are crucifying the Lord all over again (Heb. 6:4-6).
- D. Will anyone count to seven and respond to the death of X?
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.