



Take 5 minutes to Glorify God

Jesus from the Cross

May 16th 2008

Last Tuesday night, we heard Jesus preach a sermon to us from the cross.

Imagine being in the Golgotha congregation that terrible Good Friday, Looking up at a cross shaped pulpit...

the Pastor's arms spread wide...

head bowed...

few words...

7 Statements...

much silence

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1. **Father Forgive them for they know not what they do**
2. **Today you will be with Me in paradise**
3. **Woman, behold your son...**
4. (sky darkens) **My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me**
4. **My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me**
5. **I thirst**
6. **It is finished**
7. **Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit**

Seven statements recorded in four Gospels.

Only one statement per Gospel with the exception of statement four, recorded by two Evangelists.

It starts with Father and ends with Father.

With God the Father In the middle.

For our forgiveness, so we could be reconciled to God the Father.

So we could have the promise of a future paradise with Jesus.

So we could love one another (Woman, behold your son)

The Forsaken speaking to the One He has been separated from, so that we would never need to be separated or forsaken.

The fountain of living water who should never have needed to be thirsty, thirsting so we would never need to thirst.

Let's commit our spirits into the finished work of our Lord and savior.

In 1888 William Alexander preached a message of these Seven Words.

It's a poem about a man at death's door.

Not satisfied with man made words or music.

Needing to feel God not simply comprehend.

He finds these words at the 6-hr sermon Christ gave from the cross.

Seven short statements, with more silence than words.

See the preacher, listen to the silence, listen to the Words.

<http://www.poems-and-poetry.com/william-alexander/music-or-words-poem.ht>