

Series: Jesus Said
Passage: Luke 23:32-38
Sunday: March 3, 2024

****This week we kick off our Lent Sermon Series called “Jesus Said”. This series will be focused on different things that Jesus said while hanging on the cross. While each saying is short, they are all packed full of meaning.****

Luke 23:32-38 (ESV)

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

1. How do you view the crucifixion? Necessary evil? Common tragedy? Cruel and unusual punishment? Sacrifice for Sin? Why?

2. There are several people present in these few verses: the criminals (guilty), the crows (stood by watching), the rulers (scoffing), the soldiers (mocking), and Jesus (innocent and forgiving). Put yourself in the shoes of each character, which resonates with you?

3. What is the significance in Jesus’ words in verse 34? Who does Jesus pray to and who does he intercede for?

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4. How do both the rulers and soldiers mock Jesus? What is the purpose of the inscription that is placed over him?
5. Many people struggle with knowing that Jesus forgives them. Why do you think this is so? What helps remind you that you are forgiven?
6. Which is harder for you, offering forgiveness or asking for forgiveness? Why? Is there a situation right now where you need to ask for forgiveness?
7. What is the most meaningful ways God has shown you forgiveness?