



MAIN SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:33-49 (NIV)

“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

34Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him.

They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

39One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence?”

41We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

44It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46Jesus called out with a loud

voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

47The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

48When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. 49But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things."

The cross was not an _____ of Jesus' mission, but its _____.

Jesus chose the _____ willingly.

The cross was not a _____; it was a _____ rooted in love.

_____ led Him to the cross, not _____.

Following Jesus means choosing _____ over _____.

Jesus responded with radical _____.

Forgiveness is not denial or passivity; it is _____ anchored in _____.

Forgiveness is often a _____, not a _____.

Jesus completed the work of _____.

The cross _____ the worst of humanity and _____ with divine love.

We don't _____ grace; we _____ it.

The cross _____ everything because it _____ who God truly is.

Resurrection _____ flows from sacrificial _____.