

He Loved Them to the End
John 19:25-30

Two Sundays Ago: Christ became sin for us.

- Is. 53:5-6, “He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
- **Penal Substitution**: Christ took our penalty as our substitute on the cross.

Today: He loved them to the end.

- This phrase comes from Jn. 13:1, “the end” (τέλος).
- Christ gives seven sayings from the cross:
 - **First Saying**: Lk. 23:34 – “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”
 - **Second Saying**: Lk. 23:43 – “Today you shall be with me in paradise.”

19:25 – “But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.”

1. “His Mother” –
 - a. Mary, the mother of Jesus and wife of Joseph.
 - b. Lk. 2:35 – Simeon’s prophesy: “A sword will pierce through your own soul also...”
2. “His mother’s sister” –
 - a. Salome (Mk. 15:4), mother of Zebedee’s sons James and John (Mt. 27:56).
 - b. James and John’s mother was Mary’s sister—probably an aunt of Jesus.
3. “Mary the wife of Clopas” –
 - a. Also known as the mother of James the Less and Joseph (Mt. 27:56, Mk. 15:40).
 - b. Hegesippus the Nazarene wrote that Clopas was the brother of Joseph (the “father” of Jesus). This woman is a sister-in-law of Mary, and an aunt of Jesus.
4. “Mary Magdalene” –
 - a. This is the first time John mentions her. Seven demons used to reside in her (Lk. 8:2).
 - b. She is from Magdala on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

19:27 – “Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!” (**Third Saying**)

Why did Christ not hand off Mary to James or Jude—his half-brothers?

- Jesus is taking care of Mary for a short-term basis and Mary is not from Jerusalem.
- Jesus knows John’s family is rich (his father, Zebedee, owns a fishing business).
- Jesus knows that John would be the oldest living apostle (tradition).

Fourth Saying: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?” (Mt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34)

19:28 – “I am thirsty” (**Fifth Saying**)

- Fulfillment of prophecy - Ps. 69:21, “For my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.”

19:30 – “Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

- **Sixth Saying:** “It is finished!” (Τετέλεσται)
- **Seventh Saying:** “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” (Mt. 27:50, Lk. 23:46)