

Luke 23:33-38
“FATHER FORGIVE THEM”

Today we come to Calvary - the place of curse and the place of blessing. The place of curse for Jesus and the place of blessing for us.

Calvary - where we see mankind at its worse and God at His best.

Calvary - where the Lamb of God was slain and where the Son of God gave up His life for you and me.

Calvary - where we see the awful depths of human sin and the tremendous heights of divine love.

Calvary - where every person must come if they expect to be saved.

Calvary - where all of our hopes are centered, both for this world and the next.

Vs.34 - THEN Jesus prayed.- when man had done his worst. Repeatedly -the arrival @ Calvary; when they nailed Him; when He was lifted up; as they jeered Him; when they gambled for His clothing;

TO WHOM HE PRAYED - “...Father...” many today ask the question, “ where is God”, when this or that has happened. The answer - the same place He was when His Son died for you.

For Whom Jesus prayed - Pilate, the crowd, the soldiers, all of those who rejected and cursed - How could he ? The same way He prayed for you and I. We were there at Calvary - our nature...

Why Jesus prayed - To practice what He had preached. To Glorify the Father. He prayed for those who. “...knew not what they were doing...” To illustrate what we should do at all times.

Was His prayer ever answered? Yes, that day; at Pentecost; on the road to Damascus; in the Philippian jail; in Macedonia; on the first day of March, 1962 when I was saved; and repeatedly all over the world.

Will Jesus answer the prayer of a sinner today ? Absolutely....

If they will accept what He has done by faith and ask Him to forgive them and receive Him into their hearts by faith.

Will Jesus forgive those who have been saved but have drifted so far from Him?
Absolutely - if they ask Him in faith and turn from their wicked way.

Have you been saved ?

Will you be saved ?