

**THIRSTING FOR GOD**  
**JOHN 19:28-29 / 11-8-17 / WED**

**I. FIRST, JESUS WAS THIRSTY BECAUSE HE WAS HUMAN.**

- A. Paul assures us that Jesus was fully a human being—Phil. 2:6-7.
- B. One benefit of Jesus' humanity is his ability to identify with us in all ways—Heb. 4:15-16.
- C. As a real man he was subject to intense thirst on the cross.
- D. Jesus had been offered liquid before he was nailed to the cross but he refused it because it was like a narcotic—Mark 15:23.
  - 1. Now Jesus literally asks for a drink and accepts this cheap vinegar wine that the poor and soldiers drank—John 19:29.
  - 2. The hyssop stalk is something that was used during the Passover meal.
- E. I think another reason Jesus asked for the drink was so his voice would be strong enough to declare the sixth thing he said from the cross.

**II. ANOTHER REASON JESUS WAS THIRSTY WAS TO FULFILL PROPHECY.**

- A. What prophecy? Psa. 22:15 and 69:21.
- B. Did Jesus purposely set out to fulfill O. T. prophecies concerning the Messiah?
  - 1. John possibly can be read like that—John 19:28.
  - 2. Some Messianic prophecies, however, were out of Jesus' control.

**III. WHAT APPLICATION CAN HIS THIRST HAVE FOR US TODAY?**

- A. We should be as thirsty for God as Jesus was thirsty for water—Ps. 42:1-2; 63:1; 143:6; Matt. 5:6; Rev. 22:17.
- B. Thirst is also used to describe both Heaven and Hell.
  - 1. Hell is a place of thirst—Luke 16:24.
  - 2. Heaven is a place where there will be no thirst—Rev. 7:16.