



TALK LESS PRAY MORE

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 • Pastor Josiah Kagin

Text: Luke 23:33-34

Title: In the Midst of Anguish

Introduction:

The anguish and agony that our Savior physically, emotionally and spiritually felt at the cross is *indescribable*. Yet in the midst of His agony He demonstrated a pure heart of amazing love towards His enemies. One attentive glimpse at our Savior in this moment would change us forever!

1. Life Crushing _____ (33)

Luke 23:33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Isaiah 53:3–6 He is despised and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; And we hid as it were our faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, And carried our sorrows: Yet we did esteem him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon him; And with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned every one to his own way; And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

DEFINITION—CURSED: accursed adj. — under divine condemnation; especially understood as deserving negative consequences and judgment.

2. Love Driven _____ (34)

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

NOTE: This was a fulfillment of prophecy.

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, And he shall divide the spoil with the strong; Because he hath poured out his soul unto death: And he was numbered with the transgressors; And he bare the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

3. Life Directing _____

WE SHOULD _____ FOR OUR ENEMIES, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE DELIBERATELY INJURING US.

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

WE SHOULD PRAY WITH A HEART OF _____ TOWARD OUR ENEMIES, EVEN BEFORE IT IS REQUESTED.

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Matthew 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

WE SHOULD EMBRACE CHRIST'S RADICALLY HIGHER WAY OF
_____ WITH THOSE THAT WISH US HARM.

Luke 6:26–29 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. 27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. 29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, Yet he opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, So he openeth not his mouth.

1 Peter 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

WE SHOULD ACCEPT THAT _____ PERSON IS BEYOND THE
LOVE AND REACH OF CHRIST. HE DESIRES FOR ALL TO BE
RECONCILED.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Conclusion

