



Who Did Jesus Think About On His Way to the Cross?

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Luke 23:26-34

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Luke 23:26-34 (NIV)

26 As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

27 A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

28 Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

29 For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’

30 Then “they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!””

31 For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

33 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.

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

People who are executed usually only care about _____.

As Jesus was executed, he cared only for _____.

He cared about those who would experience God's _____
(vv. 26-31).

He cared enough to ask God to _____ those who
crucified him (vv. 32-34c).

Because he cares for _____, Jesus died to save us.

John 15:12-13: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Romans 5:8-10: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"

Big Idea: Because Jesus cares for us, _____ him.

In Luke 9:22-23 Jesus said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.’ 23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

Because he cares for us, follow his _____ for forgiveness (v. 34).

Romans 10:9-10, 13: “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.... for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Because he cares for us, follow his command to care for _____.

John 15:12-13: “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.... 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.”