

HIS CROSS BECAME A PULPIT

Part 2

(Matt. 27:46; John 19:28, 30; Luke 23:46)

Michelangelo was a genius. He excelled as a sculptor, designer, painter, and architect. His statues of Moses and _____, to name but a few, are universally loved. What many people do not know is that in Florence, Italy, an entire hall is filled with his "unfinished" sculptural works. As great as this artist was, he left much _____. In contrast, Jesus left no unfinished works.

Today is Palm Sunday and this day long ago began Jesus "passion", His _____, as He moved to the cross. Last week we studied the first 3 sayings of Jesus while He hung on the cross.

SEVEN WORDS FROM HIS CROSS, HIS LAST PULPIT, THAT SHOULD PIERCE OUR HEARTS MOVING US TO WORSHIP. "Take off shoes...holy ground!"

I. A Word Of Abandonment: "My God, My God, Why Have You _____ Me?"

(Matthew 27:46) This paints for us the terribleness of our _____ and its wage.

- A. It is now around 3 pm, darkness had fallen upon the land at noon, and now Jesus broke His three hours of silence with this cry.
 - 1. Jesus' work as our sin bearer has caused the Father to _____ Him. Never before... This is spiritual death (separation), which leads to physical death.
 - 2. He was abandoned that we might never be.
- B. As our sin bearer, His question of "why" was not one of distrust, but of _____.
 - 1. On the cross He endured an eternity of _____ for our sin. He took our place...
 - 2. The agony of His soul was far worse than His physical sufferings.
 - 3. In doing this work, He was truly alone, forsaken by all.
- C. The cross reveals God's inflexible _____ and His incredible _____. These two met at His cross. How much does God _____ sin? Look at Calvary! How much does God _____ us? Look at Calvary!
- D. Jesus' cry warns us of the final condition of every _____ person, abandoned forever! Horrible!

II. A Word Of Physical _____: "I Thirst." (John 19:28) He suffered horribly in body.

This offers us sweet _____ when we suffer physically knowing that Jesus once suffered. He knows...

- A. Remember, Jesus though God in flesh, was a real _____. He hungered, grew tired, wept, etc.
 - 1. Remarkably, up to this point, Jesus had given no evidence of _____.
 - 2. He had been whipped, beaten, and nailed to a cross. The pain was beyond words.
 - 3. "The maker of heaven and earth with parched lips." The _____ of glory needed a drink!

