

The Seven Sayings on the Cross, #6

- I.** Jesus was a willing sacrifice (Jn. 18:1-11).
- II.** Jesus was crucified at 9:00am, Wednesday morning.
1. 9:00am to 12:00 noon, three sayings.
 2. 1st “Forgive them ...”
 3. 2nd “Paradise ...”
 4. 3rd “Woman ...” Then darkness: 12noon to 3pm.
 5. 4th “My God ...”
 6. 5th “I thirst.”, just after the daylight returned.
- III.** Just after 3pm in the daylight, in rapid succession to the previous utterance, Jesus says, “It is finished” (Jn. 19:30).
1. “It is in the state of having been finished on My part.”
 2. Jesus is coherent even after all the suffering.
 3. What is finished?
 - 1) Jesus’ earthly ministry was already finished (Jn. 17:4).
 - 2) Jesus would still make one more saying.
 4. Jesus’ work on the cross was finished.
 - 1) The separation from the Father was finished.
 - 2) God’s righteousness was satisfied regarding the sin nature of mankind.
 - 3) The Law had been nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14 *cf.* Gal. 4:5).
 - 4) Copious prophecies were fulfilled regarding Jesus’ work on the cross.
 - 5) He “took up” sins (1 Jn. 3:5).
 - 6) He had done everything He was told to do on the cross.
- IV.** Jesus died physically just after His humanity is restored to a relationship to the Father—spiritually made alive again (1 Pet. 3:18).
1. Jesus’ soul and spirit went to Sheol (Lu. 23:43; Mt. 12:40; Acts 2:25-27; Ps. 16:8).
 2. In Sheol, in the realm of His humanity, Jesus preaches to imprisoned spirit beings (1 Pet. 3:19-20; Col. 2:15).