

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

- Marriage Course running on Wednesday Nights, 13 couples attending
 - Celebrate Recovery. Needing Women Leaders. For those that attend & The Leadership team as well.
 - For the Easter Production, those in production, leading, sharing Testimonies, for the spiritual impact of Easter Weekend.
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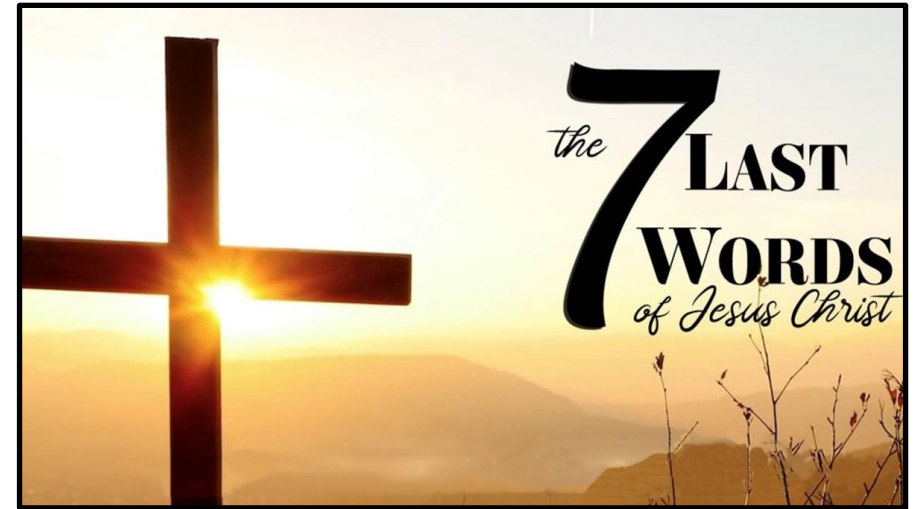
Matthew Henry *“During the three hours which the darkness continued, Jesus was in agony, wrestling with the powers of darkness, and suffering his Father’s displeasure against the sin of man, for which he was now making his soul an offering. **Never were there three such hours since the day God created man upon the earth, never such a dark and awful scene**; it was the turning point of that great affair, man’s redemption, and salvation.”*

F.B. Meyer *“Though justification costs us nothing but the sacrifice of our pride, it has cost Christ His blood.”*

DA Carson *“It was not nails that held Jesus to that wretched cross; it was his unqualified resolution, out of love for his Father, to do his Father’s will—and it was his love for sinners like me.”*

John MacArthur *“When Christ was forsaken by the Father, their separation was not one of nature, essence, or substance. Christ did not in any sense or degree cease to exist as God or as a member of the Trinity. But Jesus did for a while cease to know the intimacy of fellowship with His heavenly Father. The mystery of that separation is far too deep even for the most mature believer to fathom. He writhed in anguish not from the lacerations on His back or the thorns that still pierced His head or the nails that held Him to the cross but from the incomparably painful loss of fellowship with His heavenly Father that His becoming sin for us had brought.”*

Spurgeon *“Sin was laid on Christ, so God must turn away his face from the Sin-Bearer. To be deserted of his God, was the climax of Christ’s grief, the quintessence of his sorrow. See here the distinction between the martyrs and their Lord; in their dying agonies they have been divinely sustained; but Jesus, suffering as the Substitute for sinners, was forsaken of God”*



Sunday, March 17th, 2024

Words of Anguish

Whitney Woolard *“This Scripture expresses the depth and horror of what Jesus was suffering. In that moment, Jesus was plunged into outer darkness away from the Father’s presence to bear the sins of the world. In giving his life as a ransom for many for the forgiveness of sins he must, for the moment, be separated from his Father. Having experienced unbroken communion with the Father from eternity past, Jesus felt the full weight of separation from God that our sin demanded and for the first time he was truly alone, utterly God-forsaken.”*

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Words of Anguish

(Matthew 27:45-54)

The word **Anguish** means: Severe m_____ or p_____ pain or suffering, d_____, or anxiety. Encompass emotions, such as trauma, g_____, sorrow, fear, and anxiety.

Jesus experienced the g_____ anguish that any person has ever had to ever experience.

Five Words that described Jesus Anguish on the cross for us:

I – D_____ (Verse 45)

***Darkness represents:** Satan & e_____, S_____, Judgement & W_____, Separation from God.

* **Ephesians 6:12; Luke 22:53; John 3:19; Romans 13:12; Matthew 8:12; Acts 2:20;**

***Isaiah 53:4-5**

*The Dark Night of the S_____

II – S_____ (Verse 46)

*Three o'clock in the afternoon was the time when Jews offered the daily evening s_____.

*The more we understand "sacrifice" in the OT, the more we understand what is taking place on the c_____!

*On the cross, Jesus became the V_____, for us. The g_____ sacrifice ever made. **Hebrews 9:22; Hebrews 10:10-12**

III – C_____ Aloud (Verse 46)

*At the height of Jesus physical, mental, and spiritual anguish, and agony that He C_____ out to God.

***Luke 18:7-8; Psalms 34:17**

*God invites u___ to Cry out to Him! Jesus is our m_____!

***Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 2:18**

IV – F_____ (Verse 46)

*We know that God the Father did N_____ forsake, abandon or desert Jesus!

*Jesus somehow experienced a real s_____ by the Father

*This anguish, forsakenness, was n_____ for the fullness of God's l_____ for humanity to be realized and it tells us how much God values us.

IV – V_____ (Psalm 22; Verses 51-53; Isaiah 53:11)

Personal Study & Small Group Questions

Small group thoughts/ideas

Read Matthew 27:45-54

1. How would you define the word Anguish? How do you think it is different than other emotions or experiences?
2. Would you agree or disagree with the statement that Jesus perhaps experienced the greatest anguish any person has ever known? Why or Why not?
3. Do you think the Darkness that happened was natural or supernatural? Why do you think it happened? What did it mean?
4. Have you ever experienced a "dark night of the soul"? Would you be willing to share about the circumstances?
5. Read Hebrews 9:22 & Hebrews 10:10-12. Q: Have you ever struggled with the idea of Sacrifice in the Old Testament? Why do you think God instituted the sacrificial system?
6. Why do you think Jesus Cried out to God? Why did He say "My God" instead of Father? Read Verses Luke 18:7-8 & Psalm 34:17. Do you believe that you have ever cried out to God? Why & When?
7. Read Hebrews 2:18 & 4:15. Do you find these words helpful and comforting? Why or why not?
8. Why do you think Jesus Cried out to God "Why have you forsaken me?" Do you believe that God truly forsake Jesus? What do you think Jesus was experiencing at this moment?
9. What is your personal response to Jesus anguish on the cross for you?
10. Read Psalm 22. How does what we read in Psalm 22 helps us understand what Jesus experienced on the cross?
11. Where do you need to trust God for His Victory today in the midst of your struggle or suffering?

Lean Morris "The cross is the victory, the resurrection is the triumph...The resurrection is the public display of the victory, the triumph of the crucified one."