

Voices of Hope in the Death of Jesus

Luke 23:32-35, 44-49 * Palm Sunday * 3/16/08 * David Brannen

Hebrews 2:14, 15 (NLT) ...only by dying could (Jesus) break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

1 Cor. 15:26 - The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Listen and find hope...

1. ... from what _____ said.

Luke 23:44-45 - It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining.

Luke 22:53, 54 - ... this is your hour—when darkness reigns." ⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away...

Luke 23:45 - the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Mark 15:38 - The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

1 Peter 3:18 - Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

2. ... from what _____ said.

1 Peter 1:10, 11 - ... (the prophets spoke of) circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

Acts 2:30, 31 - (David) was a prophet... Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ

Luke 23:32 - Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. (Isa. 53:12 – he...was numbered with the transgressors.)

Luke 23:33 - ...they crucified him. (Ps. 22:16 – “they have pierced my hands and my feet.”)

Luke 23:34 - they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (Ps. 22:18 - they divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.)

Luke 23:35 - The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. (See Ps. 22:7-8 - All who see me mock me; they hurl insults...)

See also: Matthew 27:46 and Psalm 22:1

3. ... from what _____ said.

Luke 23:33, 34 - ...they crucified him... ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

1 Cor. 2:8 - None of the rulers...understood (i.e., God’s plan), for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Luke 23:46 - ...Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” (See Ps. 31:5)

John 10:18 - (Jesus) “No one takes (my life) from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.”

4. ... from what _____ said.

Luke 23:47 (NLT) - When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Surely this man was innocent.”

Matthew 27:54 - “Surely (Jesus) was the Son of God!”

1 John 5:9 - God has testified about his Son...

Answers: 1. GOD THE FATHER. 2. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. 3. GOD THE SON. 4. AN IRRELIGIOUS SOLDIER.

Translation key: Unless noted, all verses are from the New International Version. NLT = New Living Translation.