

Our beholding Jesus suffer such great torture, rejection and ridicule should invoke in us at least two yells:

1. A cry of repentance, as we grieve what our sins brought Jesus to, and

2. A cry of gratitude to God for His amazing love for sinners, and that He would come and die in order to win us back.

## **Yells from the Cross**

### **1. The Spectators:**

*"You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross if you are the Son of God!"*

— Matthew 27:40

### **2. The Chief Priest, Teachers, and Elders:**

*"He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"*

— Matthew 27:42-43

### **3. The Two Thieves:**

*"...the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him."*

— Matthew 27:44

### **4. Jesus:**

*"Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'"*

— Matthew 27:46

## **Jesus quoting from Psalm 22:**

*"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the my cries of anguish?.... But I am a worm, and not a man, scorned by everyone and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: 'He trusts in the Lord' they say, 'let the Lord rescue him'... you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs surround me; a pack of villains encircles me, they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.... All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him." — Psalm 22:1, 6, 15-18, 27*



## Good Friday

### Jesus' Seven Last Words:

*"[Jesus] entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption."*

— Hebrews 9:12

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* (see Psalm 22)

— Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

*"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."* (to crucified thief)

— Luke 23:43

Jesus said to his mother, "'Woman here is your son,' and to [John], 'Here is your mother.'" — John 19:26-27

*"I am thirsty."* — John 19:28

*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

— Luke 23:34

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."* — Luke 23:46

*"It is finished."* — John 19:30

### Questions About the End:

1. Jesus stood trial before Herod, Pilate and the Sanhedrin.
2. What women were present at the cross? Salome, Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James & John & Mary mother of Jesus
3. Who said, "Surely, he was the Son of God" after Jesus died? (Matthew 27:54) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the High Priest? Caiaphas \_\_\_\_\_ centurion
5. Who carried Jesus' cross? Simon of Cyrene
6. Who buried Jesus' body in his own tomb? Joseph of Arimathea

Answers: 1) Herod, Pilate and the Sanhedrin; 2) Salome, Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James and John, and Mary mother of Jesus; 3) Centurion; 4) Caiaphas; 5) Simon of Cyrene; 6) Joseph of Arimathea.

### The Torn Temple Curtain

*"With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."* — Mark 15:37-38 (also see Matthew 27:51)

*"We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."* — Hebrews 10:10

What was the significance of the temple curtain being torn in two when Jesus died? The curtain separated sinful humanity from the Holy of Holies where God was uniquely present. Once a year, the high priest alone entered that holy place to make atonement for Israel's sin. The torn curtain at Jesus' death was a statement that Jesus has made atonement for all humanity's sin and has torn down the dividing wall between God and humanity.