

## *cross talk*

It is a beautiful symbol to some, a great offense to others... I Corinthians 1:18

The bottom line... the cross is central to our faith and our lives!

One way to view it... Jesus' *cross talk*, His seven last sayings from the cross...

*Saying One:* Luke 23:33-34

- Jesus is our Intercessor. Isaiah 53:12
- The entire message of the cross is summarized in this saying. John 3:17
- Jesus' prayer was and is being answered...

*Saying Two:* Luke 23:39-43

- Forgiveness and justification by faith alone are seen in this saying.
- No works were possible in this man's situation.
- Purgatory was not an option, it doesn't exist.
- He had to ask for forgiveness, with a heart of repentance, as all must do.

*Saying Three:* John 19:25-27

- The personal love and concern of our Savior is evident here.
- Obeying the fifth commandment, Jesus honored His mother.
- Mary, although very courageous, was only human, was the mother of other children, and was not the co-redemptrix. Luke 1:47

*Saying Four:* Matthew 27:45-46

- Jesus is our sin substitute. II Corinthians 5:21
- Jesus bore our sin, paid our penalty, satisfied God's justice. Isaiah 53:5-6, 10-11

*Saying Five:* John 19:28

- Jesus was fully human. John 1:14
- He identified with our weaknesses, yet was without sin. Hebrews 4:15

*Saying Six::* John 19:30

- Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2
- This was a cry of victory, a statement of completion.

*Saying Seven:* Luke 23:46

- As He predicted, no one took His life, He willingly laid it down. John 10:17-18

Without the cross there are no Christians!

