

## Easter Teaching No. 13(b)

### Jesus Statements from the Cross (continued)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Statement from the Cross - 'I thirst'

John 19:28 - "Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said 'I am thirsty'. A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips".

Jesus had just undergone the judgment of God. We see another man who had undergone the judgement of God in Luke 16:22-24 with the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man had undergone the judgement of God and the pains of hell, and he was thirsty and begged for a drink.

Psalms 22: 14-15 'I am poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. My mouth is dried up like a potsherd and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth, you lay me in the dust of death'.

Jesus needed his mouth refreshed for the next two statements he would make from the cross - so that all could hear him loudly and clearly:

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Statement from the Cross - 'It is finished'

John 19:30 "When he had received the drink, Jesus said 'It is finished'".

These three words are only one word in Greek, 'tetelestai' which is an accounting term for 'paid in full'. Jesus had accomplished his mission, he had done what all the animal sacrifices over the centuries could not do, he had removed the penalty of sin. Mission accomplished, paid in full.

Charles Ryrie comments: 'It is finished!' Receipts for taxes found in the papyri have written across them this single Greek word, which means 'paid in full'. The price for our redemption from sin was paid in full by our Lord's death'.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Statement from the Cross** 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit'

Luke 23:46

Jesus chose the time he would die. His relationship with his Heavenly Father had been restored from that of judgement to his paternal relationship, he addressed him again as 'Father', showing that his cry for help in his fourth statement from the cross had been answered.

Jesus quoted this statement from Psalm 31:5 'Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God'.

Even at the very end Jesus trusts God to care for him.

Mark 15:37 and Luke 23:46

'With this Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit' - John 19:30

As soon as his mission was complete there was no need for him to suffer anymore and so he just gave up his own spirit and died.

Jesus died as the Paschal Lamb, the Passover Lamb. His blood was shed in order that he might save us from the slavery of sin. However the shedding of his blood is not enough. On that first night of Passover, the Israelites not only had to kill their lamb, they also had to then sprinkle the blood on the doorposts and lintels. Had they only killed the lamb but not applied the blood, the angel of death would have meted out death to the first-born. Applying the blood was vital, it saved them from death.

The same is true of the blood of the Messiah. His blood has been shed for us, but we must apply the blood by believing that he died for our sins, and accepting him as our Lord and Saviour. This is the significance of the death of Jesus as it relates to Passover.

What other events happened after Jesus' death ...

Let's move onto the next study.

