**Part 1 – Last Words**

**Father Forgive Them**

**Luke 23:33-35**

**When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.**

**Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.**

**Why were these some of Jesus’ last words?**

* **To show you that Jesus is the promised Messiah.**

**Is Jesus the Christ, the son of God?**

**One man fulfilling just 48 prophecies.**

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**Isaiah 53:12**

**For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

* **To show you the power of prayer.**

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

**Matthew 5:44-45**

**But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.**

**Acts 2:38-4:4**

**Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”**

**With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day…**

**… “Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things. Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.**

**…Many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.**

* **To show you your need for a mediator.**

**Romans 8:33-34**

**Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

**1 Timothy 2:5-6**

**For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.**

**Hebrews 7:25**

**Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.**

**Here’s my challenge:**

* **Pray for those who are far from God.**
* **Wrestle with the question: “Is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God?”**