



Luke 23v34

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V20: When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'

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Take every opportunity to pray...

“No longer might those hands minister to the sick, for they are nailed to the cross; no longer may those feet carry him on errands of mercy, for they are fastened to a cruel tree; no longer may he engage in instructing the apostles, for they have forsaken him and fled. How then does he occupy himself? In the ministry of prayer!”

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*Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.*

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V35: The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

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V36-37: The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

2) WHO does Jesus pray for?

Is 53v12: Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

3) HOW is that prayer answered?

'The fruits of this wonderful prayer will never be fully known until the books are opened and the secrets of every heart laid bare.'

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Acts 2v36: “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

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V37: When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

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Has the prayer of Jesus been answered in your life?

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