

Cries From The Cross

A journey into the heart of Jesus

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Week 3: A Cry of Compassion

When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

†John 19: 26–27 †

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Jesus, hanging on the cross, thought of others. A prayer of forgiveness for a dying world, a word of assurance for a penitent thug; and now a word of compassion for His grieving mother. No one has ever died like Jesus died. And no one ever will. Fully human and fully divine, we witness Divinity speaking to humanity in this week's Cry from The Cross. Here we see Jesus, the first-born of Mary making arrangements for his mother. The earthly ties were

now over, and a new heavenly relationship was about to begin. He would no longer simply be one of her children, He's now her Savior. At Calvary, Jesus demonstrated the gentle, compassionate love that only the Son of God could exhibit.

Mary remembered Simeon's words, that a sword would pass through her own heart (Luke 2:35). From Calvary we see a sure truism: Great privileges bring great sorrows. But Jesus stopped dying to issue a statement of courage, care, concern, comfort, and compassion to those who stand next to a loved one transitioning into the land from which no earth-bound traveler has

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returned. As painful as the experience is; God always makes a way to comfort the grieving heart and quicken the weary, wounded souls of those left behind.

Question to Explore This Week: In what ways can you follow Jesus' example of compassion to others who may be grieving?

Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. –

Not all the disciples scattered prematurely. See John, that disciple whom Jesus loved standing at the foot of the cross to witness his Master suffer and die. See him standing there to receive his assignment. We come to the Cross to die to our own plans and to accept the mantle given to us by the One who died there for us. It is fitting that John would be there to receive such a great assignment. No wonder some disciples scatter today as did those early ones during the arrest and trial of Jesus, but Someone is always there to make a way for us to return to the foot of the Cross; just ask John. Jesus could have chided him, but instead, He enlisted him.

During this Easter Season, God desires to enlist you as well. As God's love and justice was put on display for all to see; we also hear God speaking through the atoning, redemptive work of compassion in action... "and from that hour that disciple took her into his own home."
Nobody but Jesus!