

# **Father, Forgive Them!**

Sunday February 26, 2023  
Series: Message from the Cross

*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”*  
Matthew 7:21–23 ESV

## **The Cross — God’s Promise \_\_\_\_\_**

*“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.””* Luke 23:34a ESV

*“They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.”* Mark 9:30–32 ESV

## **Ten Prophecies on Jesus Suffering**

### **1. Despised and \_\_\_\_\_**

*“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”* Isaiah 53:3 ESV

### **2. A Man of Sorrow and \_\_\_\_\_ with Grief**

### **3. He was Stricken, Smitten and \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.”* Isaiah 53:4 ESV

### **4. He would be led to the \_\_\_\_\_**

*“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.”*

Isaiah 53:7 ESV

### **5. He was \_\_\_\_\_ before his shearers**

### **6. He \_\_\_\_\_ at the hands of men and would be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord**

*“By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?”* Isaiah 53:8 ESV

### **7. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to death**

### **8. He was buried with the \_\_\_\_\_**

*“And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.”* Isaiah 53:9 ESV

### **9. He was numbered with the \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”* Isaiah 53:12 ESV

### **10. He made \_\_\_\_\_ for the transgressors**

**The Cross — Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with Me**

*“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.””*

*Luke 23:34a ESV*

*“And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.””*

*Matthew 9:2 ESV*

*“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.””*

*Matthew 9:6 ESV*

*As he said in “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.””*

*John 12:32 ESV*

**The Cross — Reminds Me of the \_\_\_\_\_ of My Sin**

*“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.””*

*Luke 23:34a ESV*

*“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”*

*Hebrews 9:22 ESV*

(Also John 1:29)

*“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV*

**The Cross — Reminded of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Human Heart**

*“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.””*

*Luke 23:34a ESV*

(Also John 10:20-21)

*“The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.””*

*John 10:31-33 ESV*

**The Cross — \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Love**

*“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.””*

*Luke 23:34a ESV*

*“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”*

*Matthew 5:44 ESV*

(Also Matthew 26:53 )

*“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”*

*John 15:13 ESV*

**Does Jesus Know Me?**

*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”*

*John 10:27-28 ESV*