

# **Words from the Cross**

**The Seven Sayings of Christ from the Cross**

**Lord's Day, April 13, 2025**

**“But this is your hour, and the  
power of darkness.”**

**Luke 22:53**

# The Prophesied Suffering of the Messiah

- Luke 24:26: ““Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”
- Luke 24:44-46: “Then He said to them, ‘These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.’”
- 1 Corinthians 15:3: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.”

# Messianic Psalms

- Examples of Messianic Psalms: 2, 8, 16, 45, 110
- Calvin: “I have been accustomed to call this book, I think not inappropriately, ‘An Anatomy of all the Parts of the Soul’; for there is not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror.”
- The emotional life of Christ: true human nature yet without sin.
- Calvin: “The Psalms are replete with all the precepts which serve to frame our life to every part of holiness, piety, and righteousness, **yet they will principally teach and train us to bear the cross.**”

# The Anguish of the Messiah

## Psalm 69: The Persecuted One

- Why is this regarded as a Messianic psalm?
- Verse 9: “For zeal for Your house has consumed Me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on Me.” (John 2:17)
- Verse 21: “They gave Me poison for food, and for My thirst they gave Me sour wine to drink.” (Matthew 27:48)
- Verse 1: “For the waters have come up to My neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over Me.”
- Luke 12:50: “I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is My distress until it is accomplished.”

# The Anguish of the Messiah

## Psalm 69

- Psalm 69:12: “I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about Me.”
- Psalm 69:19: “You know My reproach, and My shame and My dishonor; My foes are all known to You.”
- Psalm 69:20: “Reproaches have broken My heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.”
- John 16:32: “Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me.”

**“Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

**Hebrews 12:2**

# Psalm 69

## Difficult Verses

- Psalm 69:5: “O God, you know My folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.”
- Of David or Christ?
- Augustine vs. Calvin
- Imprecations or Predictions?: vv. 22-28
- Psalm 69:25: “May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.”
- Acts 1:20; Matthew 23:38; Romans 11:9-10

# More in the Psalms

- Psalm 22:14-18
- Psalm 40:6-8
- Hebrews 10:5: “Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said,…”
- The Old Testament sacrificial system pointed forward to the Messiah and was fulfilled and brought to an end in the Messiah.
- Verse 6: “But You have given Me an open ear.” (Submission)
- Hebrews 10:5: “But a body have You prepared for Me.” (Incarnation)

# The Son's Innocence

- Hebrews 7:26: “For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.”
- Luke 23:4: “I find no guilt in this man.”
- Luke 23:14: “I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us.”
- Luke 23:22: “What evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death.”
- Luke 23:41: “But this man has done nothing wrong.”
- Luke 23:47: “Certainly this man was innocent!”

**“Eye the Father as love; look not on Him as an always forbidding father, but as one most kind and tender. Let us look on Him by faith, as one that hath had thoughts of kindness towards us from everlasting.”**

**John Owen**

**Next week: Easter Brunch**