

CRIES from the CROSS

Lesson Three • John 19:23-27

A Cry of Compassion

Jesus' Third Cry from the Cross Is:

A cry of COMPASSION for His family!

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 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 19:25-27 NKJV

What Do We See in Jesus' Third Cry from the Cross?

1. We See a Mother's SORROW for Her Son!

A Woman of Sorrows:

Mary's sorrow was PREDICTED by Simeon when Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus into the temple to dedicate Him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."
Luke 2:34-35 NIV

2. We See a Son's CARE for His Mother!

Jesus Cared for His Mother by:

- Fulfilling His duty as a SON.

What do we learn from Jesus' example as a Son?

True love PAYS attention to and PROVIDES for the needs of family members, especially parents as they grow old.

Honor your father and your mother. Exodus 20:12 NIV

Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. 1Timothy 5:3-4 ESV

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1Timothy 5:8 ESV

- Establishing His identity as the SAVIOR.

What do we learn from Jesus' example as the Savior?

If MARY needed to meet Jesus at the Cross as her Savior, then WE need to meet Him there too.

3. We See a Disciple's LOVE for His New Family!

When You Come to the Cross to Meet Jesus as Your Savior...

You begin a new relationship as a MEMBER of God's eternal family and you are given a new responsibility to LOVE other believers as family.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."
~Jesus, John 13:34-35 NIV

Would you have taken care of Mary if Jesus had asked?

We are given the same OPPORTUNITY every day with God's family.

Three Action Steps for Today:

- Respond to Jesus' love by TRUSTING Him as your Savior.
- Follow Jesus' example by HONORING your parents.
- Obey Jesus' commandment by LOVING one another as family.