

## **“What do You Hear From the Cross?”**

Matthew 27:45-54

<sup>45</sup> At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. <sup>46</sup> At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” <sup>47</sup> Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. <sup>48</sup> One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. <sup>49</sup> But the rest said, “Wait! Let’s see whether Elijah comes to save him.” <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, <sup>52</sup> and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. <sup>53</sup> They left the cemetery after Jesus’ resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people. <sup>54</sup> The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

### 1. The Word of **Pardon**.

“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

### 2. The Word of **Peace**.

“Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom. I assure you, today, you will be with Me in Paradise.” Luke 23:42-43

### 3. The Word of **Provision**.

“When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple He loved, He said to her, ‘Dear woman, here is your son.’ And He said to this disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’” John 19:26-27a

### 4. The Word of **Partition**.

“...My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?” Matthew 27:46b

### 5. The Word of **Pain**.

“...I am thirsty!” John 19:28b

“As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God.” Psalm 42:1-2a

### 6. The Word of **Perfection**.

“It is finished!” John 19:30a

### 7. The Word of **Power**.

“Father, I entrust My Spirit into your hands!” Luke 23:46a