

When Love Speaks: Seven Words From the Cross

Part 5

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The Word of Humanity

John 19:28-29 (NCV) “After this, Jesus knew that everything had been done. So that the Scripture would come true, he said, ‘I am thirsty.’ There was a jar full of vinegar there, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a branch of a hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' mouth.”

Why is the thirst of Jesus so important?

1. It proves His _____.

Philippians 2:7-8 (NCV) “But he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant. And when he was living as a man, he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death—death on a cross.”

John 19:34 (NIV) “Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.”

2. It proves His _____.

Psalms 22:15 (NIV) “My strength has dried up like a broken clay pot, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You, God, have left me to die in the dirt.”

3. It proves _____.

John 10:17-18 (NIV) “ ‘The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.’ ”

John 18:4-6 (NIV) “Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, ‘Who is it you want?’ ‘Jesus of Nazareth,’ they replied. ‘I am he,’ Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, ‘I am he,’ they drew back and fell to the ground.”

John 4:13 (NIV) “Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again...”

What Do I Do with My Thirst?

- My thirst is satisfied _____.

Psalms 107:8-10 (NLT) “Let them praise the LORD for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”

John 21:17 (NLT) “A third time he asked him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, ‘Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Then feed my sheep.’ ”