

SEVEN LAST SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS OF CALVARY, AND A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

The events of the night and morning prior to the crucifixion were the Supper, the Garden experience, the Betrayal, the Capture, the Mock Trial and the delivery to the Romans to be crucified. At approximately the third hour (9 am) (The day before the Jewish Passover) Jesus was placed upon the cross and crucified. I believe that the seven last sayings occurred in the following order. Not everyone agrees with this chronology, but it is the one that makes the most sense to me. The chart below attempts to provide a pictorial guide to the events of the day. It was Wednesday, not Friday that Jesus was placed upon the Cross. Please see my other teaching on the "Myth of Good Friday." Here is my understanding of Jesus' last words from the Cross.

1. Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

2. Luke 23:39-43

'And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. ⁴⁰But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. ⁴²And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. ⁴³And Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**"

3. John 19:26-27

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, **Woman, behold thy son!** ²⁷Then saith he to the disciple, **Behold thy mother!** **John 19:44** – "And it was about the sixth hour..."

Notice that both thieves reviled Jesus initially, but one changed his mind and asked for salvation. What changed the one thief's perspective? I believe that it was Jesus' prayer for forgiveness. We will never understand the power of forgiveness until we avail ourselves of His Calvary Love by trusting Him as Saviour. Trust Him to day and experience His Divine Forgiveness.

John 3:16, and 5:24

Darkness from the sixth until the ninth hour. Mark 15:33

4. Mark 15:34

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?** which is, being interpreted, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

5. John 19:28 - After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.**

6. Luke 23:46 - And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:**

7. John 19:30 – "... **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

His body removed and placed in the borrowed tomb before the beginning of the Sabbath which would be approximately 6 pm. **Luke 24:52-54**

About 6 AM – Sunrise – 12 hours after the beginning of the Jewish 24 hour night and day segments.

The third hour of the day segment About 9 am

Capture of Jesus and events leading up to the Crucifixion. Hours – 6 am to 9 am

Mocking

Both thieves reviled Him. Mt. 27:44

6th hour
12 noon

Ninth hour About 3 pm

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If you have never been saved, please consider the following verses:
Romans 10:9-13 - *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that **God hath raised him from the dead**, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹²For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*