

CALL to PRAYER -

Thank God for clean water and for quenching our thirst

*John 19:28-29 - Taking Our Eternal Thirst*

INTRO - How are you with completing small details? The Lord Jesus was completely thorough in doing the will of the Father. Every detail was done, every sin suffered for, every pain felt to its fullest. Jesus left nothing out completing our salvation and He gives us a completed salvation. The 5<sup>th</sup> *CrossWord* is a small sentence with huge significance, it is 3 words that tell a lot, it is a small detail but if it was left undone...we would all be undone. Our Lord fulfilled this detail so we would be fulfilled. He endured an eternal need being unmet so our most basic needs would be met. Water is a staple to life, but it is also an example of eternal life. Having thirst quenched is the best but being parched is the worse. Both are examples of eternity. Thirst fully quenched or forever wanting just a little water. Our Savior experienced one so we could have the other.

*AWARENESS*

1. Notice our Lord's awareness of the situation and His mission. John 19:28a
  - a. Jesus was in command & control of His faculties and the events unfolding
    - i. "*Jesus, knowing...*" the unbearable stress/pain did not unhinge Him
      1. Under intense pressure my mind can go to a blur (safety mechanism)
    - ii. Jesus had His full faculties during the whole ordeal
    - iii. He had ordained the whole ordeal and many times laid out details to His disciples. Mark 10:32-34
  - b. Jesus was focused on accomplishing the mission
    - i. He was ever about His Father's business
    - ii. Jesus was sent on a mission to complete a task. (John 17:4) (singularly focused)
      1. Set His face like a flint to go to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51; Is. 50:6-7)
2. Jesus was aware of scripture during His torture "...to fulfill the scripture..." 19:28b
  - a. God's will is laid out in God's word. Jesus knew the word
  - b. His mind was consumed with the word of God even during His worse day
    - i. Where does your mind run to when your world is falling apart?
  - c. Jesus was thinking of others and thinking of scriptures on the cross
3. Jesus was determined to fulfill every detail of what had been decreed and written
  - a. Matthew 5:17
  - b. There was a detail about the death of the Messiah that had yet to be noted
  - c. The Messiah was cry out in thirst so a certain response would follow
    - i. Psalm 22:15 Ps. 69:21
  - d. Under pressure I prioritize the big things and it seems some things are always undone. I can't keep all the plates spinning. "*What doesn't get done today?*"
  - e. Jesus was aware of every detail
    - i. He fulfilled every detail
    - ii. Not a jot or a tittle was left undone in accomplishing our salvation
    - iii. The scripture said the Substitute was to experience thirst.... "*I am thirsty*"

## HUMANNESS

- Thirst is a small detail but an enormous burden
  - No more basic need to human existence than addressing human thirst
  - There is a thirst in our bodies that must be met....also a thirst in our souls
- Jesus didn't just remember to say "I thirst" ....He experienced it
  - This is not just clinical (checking it off the list)...this is experiential
  - Under intense labor I gave ice chips to my wife
  - Those on their deathbed often are so parched
  - Jesus experience thirst to its fullest                      bodily thirst and soulish thirst
    - That unrelenting yearning for relief and comfort
- Jesus was (and is) human.                      He is God but He is also man
  - God became flesh..... so He can feel our infirmities
  - Phil 2:6-8      Heb. 2:14a, 17                      Heb. 4:15                      Heb. 10:5-7
  - The incarnation means our Creator is in intimate connection with us...like us
- If you think no one else can relate to you....Jesus can
  - Jesus knows....betrayal, heartache, aloneness, physical/emotion suffering
    - Is. 53:3 "Man of sorrows"    He experience it all to its fullest
  - Fully God who became fully man.                      Feel to the fullest

## MERCILESS

1. Jesus cried out in thirst but His thirst was not quenched.    John 19:28-29
  - a. Psalm 69:20-21
  - b. Jesus was permitted not relief from God or man
2. Jesus endured and eternal hell on the cross
  - a. Darkness and being forsaken by God in the 4<sup>th</sup> *CrossWord*
    - i. He drank the cup of God wrath and after drinking He was thirsty
  - b. Eternal thirst is part of eternal torment                      Luke 16:22-24
  - c. The rich man in hell had no relief....the Redeemed receive none as well
  - d. The longings & cravings of this world will forever go unmet & unsatisfied in hell
    - i. Hell is merciless
  - e. Jesus was given vinegar when all He wanted was a drop of water
3. Jesus' thirst was the worse thirst anyone has ever, or will ever, experience
  - a. Jesus experienced countless eternities in hell in the place of all His people
    - i. Jesus took our *cumulated sufferings & compounded thirst*
4. Thirst is an example of eternity.                      Quenched on one side and parched on the other
5. Jesus took our eternal thirst so we could be eternally quenched
  - a. Scientist are searching the heavens looking for water
  - b. There is a thirst in all of us (unrelenting/unmet craving...like wanting water)
  - c. The Water of Life was brought to us from heaven                      John 4:13-14
  - d. Jesus is the source of Living Water                      John 7:37-38
6. Are you thirsty?
  - a. Matt. 5:6                      Ps. 42:1-2                      Rev. 22:17
  - b. There is mercy for us because mercy was withheld from HIM!