

Seven Words from Jesus on the Cross

#4. SUBSTITUTION

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At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. At about three o'clock, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Matthew 27:45-46

What Happened Here? Jesus became my substitute.

1 **John 2:2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

2 **Corinthians 5:21** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

What does Jesus sacrifice teach us?

1. God is Holy.

Revelation 4:8 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.'

Habakkuk 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong.

2. Sin is ugly.

- **Sin Alienates**

Isaiah 59:2 It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

- **Sin Distresses**

Psalms 38:4 My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.

- **Sin Condemns**

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. Salvation is costly.

Romans 3:25 God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us.

Galatians 3:13 Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.

What should be my response? *I need to...*

... Confess my sin, and trust Jesus as my Savior:

Romans 3:22 We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.

Hebrews 10:26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for our sins is left.

...Live with a thankful heart

Romans 5:11 Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.

...When tempted, Remember what my sin cost Jesus

1 Peter 1:18-19 God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. The ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

...Tell others the Good News

2 Peter 3:9 God is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.

Remembering Jesus Sacrifice

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