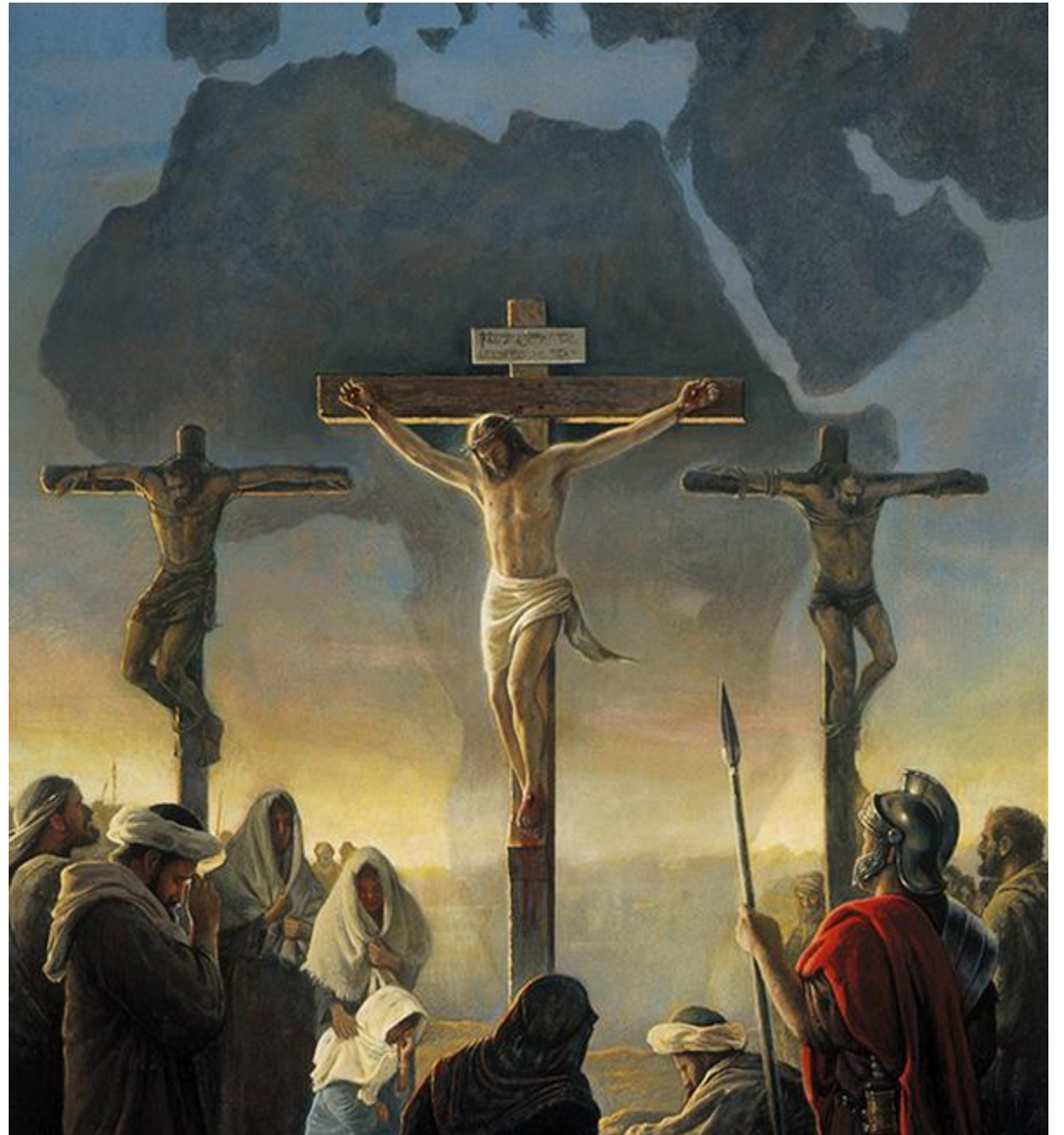


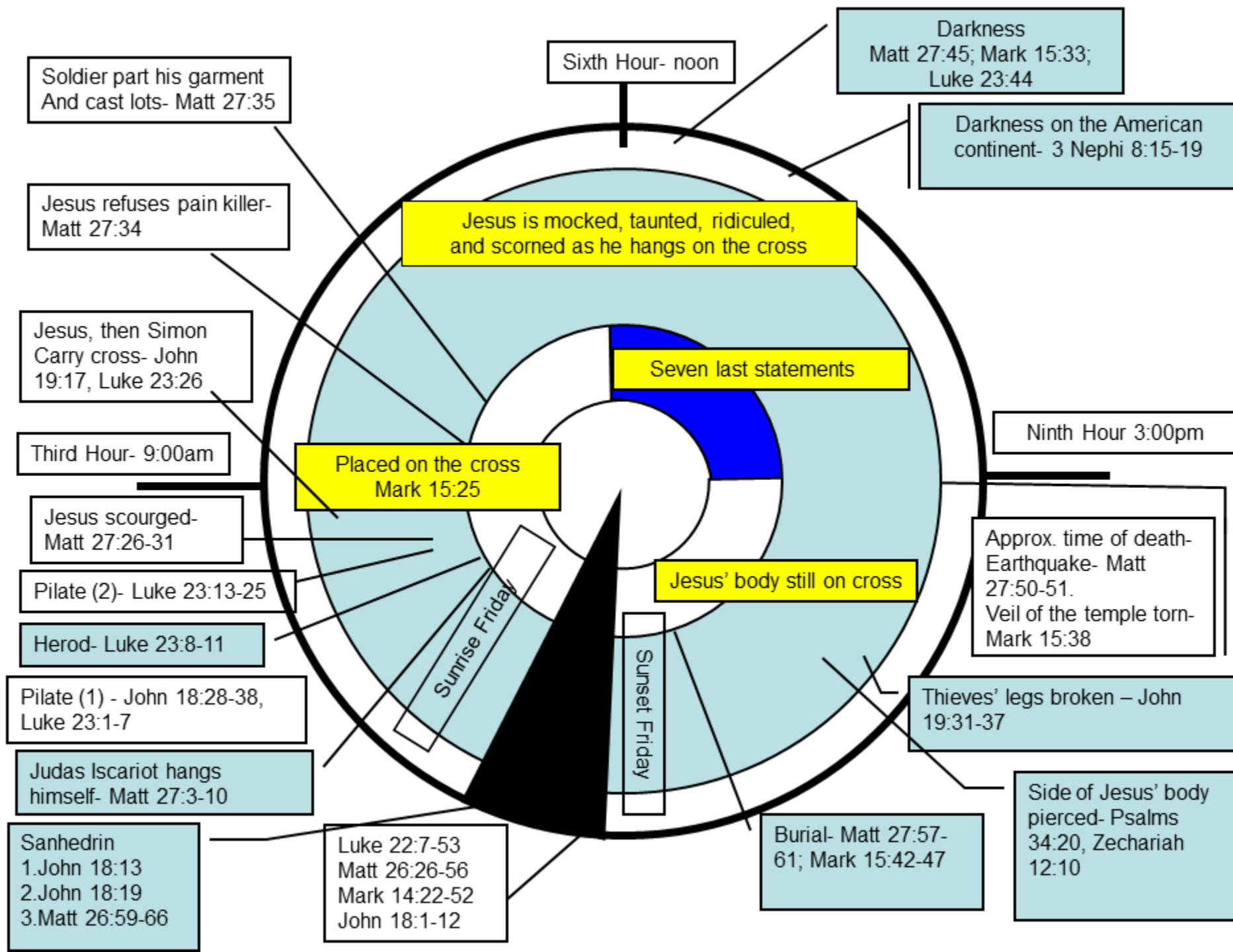


17 The Savior Suffered and Died
on Calvary's Cross

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Matthew 27.26-54





John 10.11, 17-18

A natural effect of (Jesus') immortal origin, as the earth-born Son of an immortal Sire, was that He was immune to death except as He surrendered thereto. The life of Jesus the Christ could not be taken save as He willed and allowed. The power to lay down His life was inherent in Himself, as was the power to take up His slain body in an immortalized state" (James E. Talmage, Jesus the Christ, 3rd ed., 1916, p.418).



Understanding Power

Matthew 26.53-54

John 19.10-11

ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς Οὐκ εἶχες ἐξουσίαν οὐδεμίαν κατ' ἐμοῦ εἰ μὴ ἦν σοι δεδομένον ἄνωθεν· (John 19.11a)

Jesus answered, you have no power/authority against me in no way (not even!) if it were not given to you from above (the heavens).



So the question is why?

Love



“It was love for all of God’s children that led Jesus, unique in His sinless perfection, to offer Himself as ransom for the sins of others... This, then, was the consummate cause which brought Jesus to earth to ‘suffer, bleed, and die for man’... He came... to atone for our sins, that He, being raised on the cross, might draw all men unto Him (3 Ne. 27.14)

(Elder Alexander Morrison, For this cause came I into the world, Ensign, Nov. 1999, p. 26)

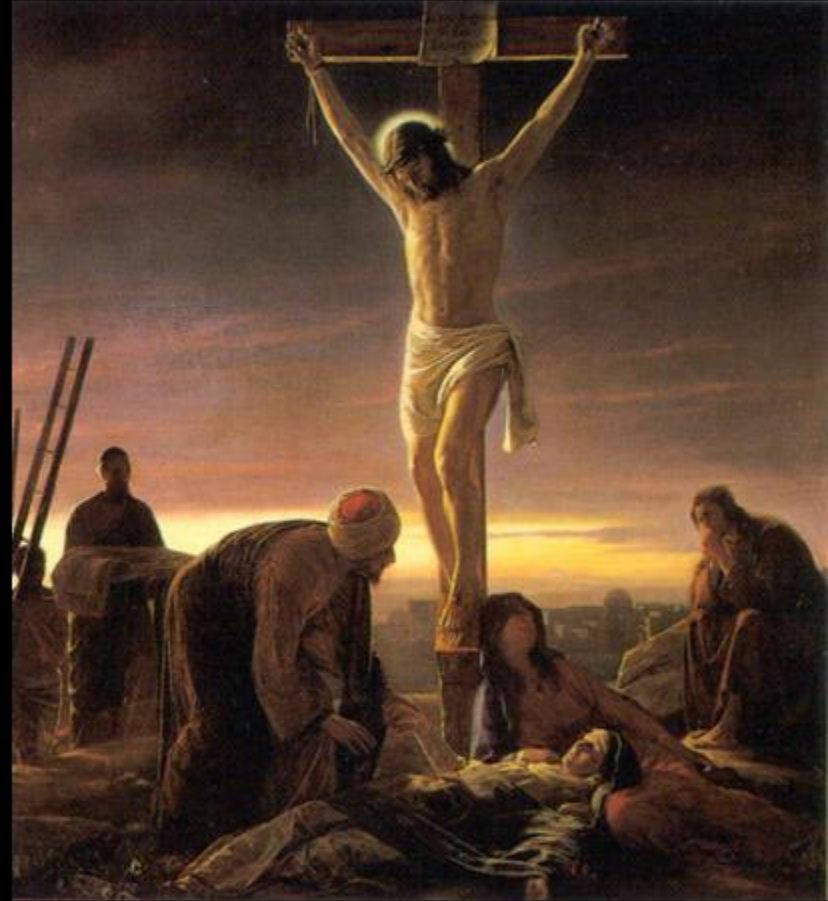
Matthew 27.46; Luke 23.34-46; John 19.26-30

“Death by crucifixion seems to include all that pain and death *can* have of horrible and ghastly—dizziness, cramp, thirst, starvation, sleeplessness, traumatic fever, tetanus, publicity of shame, long continuance of torment, horror of anticipation, mortification of untended wounds—all intensified just up to the point at which they can be endured at all, but all stopping just short of the point which would give to the sufferer the relief of unconsciousness. The unnatural position made every movement painful; the lacerated veins and crushed tendons throbbed with incessant anguish; the wounds, inflamed by exposure, gradually gangrened; the arteries—especially of the head and stomach—became swollen and oppressed with surcharged blood; and while each variety of misery went on gradually increasing, there was added to them the intolerable pang of a burning and raging thirst; and all these physical complications caused an internal excitement and anxiety, which made the prospect of death itself—of death, the awful unknown enemy, at whose approach man usually shudders most—bear the aspect of a delicious and exquisite release.

“Such was the death to which Christ was doomed” (Frederic W. Farrar, *The Life of Christ* [1964], 641).

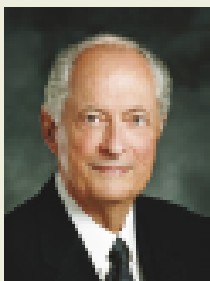
The Seven Statements

1. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. –Luke 23:34
2. Today you will be with me in paradise.- Luke 23:43
3. Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!- John 19:26-27
4. My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? - Matt 27:46, Mark 15:34-35, Ps. 22:1
5. I thirst- John 19:28, Psalms 69:21
6. It is finished. – John 19:30
7. Father into thy hands I commend my spirit.- Luke 23:46





“When the uttermost farthing had then been paid, when Christ’s determination to be faithful was as obvious as it was utterly invincible, finally and mercifully, it was ‘finished’ [see John 19:30]. Against all odds and with none to help or uphold Him, Jesus of Nazareth, the living Son of the living God, restored physical life where death had held sway and brought joyful, spiritual redemption out of sin, hellish darkness, and despair. With faith in the God He *knew* was there, He could say in triumph, ‘Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit’ [Luke 23:46]” (“None Were with Him,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2009, 88).



“Jesus chose not to be released from this world until He had endured to the end and completed the mission He had been sent to accomplish for mankind. Upon the cross of Calvary, Jesus commended His spirit to His Father with a simple statement, ‘It is finished’ (John 19:30). Having endured to the end, He was released from mortality.

“We too must endure to the end” (“The Covenant of Baptism: To Be in the Kingdom and of the Kingdom,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2000, 6).

A dramatic, dark landscape featuring three crosses on a hill under a stormy sky. The scene is set in a desolate, sandy area with sparse, dry vegetation. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, creating a somber and intense atmosphere. The crosses are silhouetted against the lighter, overcast sky. A group of people is visible in the distance, gathered around the base of the crosses. The overall mood is one of solemnity and reflection.

Application

How can we show appreciation for what the Savior did for us?