**Father, Forgive Them**

Luke 23:26-43

Key Verse 34

 “Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.”

1. Read verses 26-31. Who was forced to carry Jesus' cross? (26) Who followed Jesus? (27) What did Jesus say to the wailing women and what did He mean? (28-31)

2. Read verses 32-34. Why did Jesus suffer and die with criminals? (32-33, Isa 53:12) Describe Jesus’ prayer. (34) What can we learn from Jesus’ prayer?

3. Read verses 35-43. How did the people, the rulers, and the soldiers mock Jesus on the cross? (35-37) What was written on the notice that was placed above Jesus? (38) What did the two criminals say? (39-41) What assurance did Jesus give to the criminal who asked for Jesus mercy? (42, 43)