

June 18

From the Cross, Jesus Gasps Out Words of Help to Others

He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds...Yahweh upholds the humble. He brings the wicked down to the ground...Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his loving kindness – Psalm 147:3-11

[Luke 23:39-43, Calvary, Thursday] One of the criminals who was hanged insulted him, saying, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us!"

But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Don't you even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." He said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Assuredly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour, the disciple took her to his own home. [John 19:25-27]

1. How have you questioned Jesus? Did you repent? Do you defend Jesus against insults?
2. Who stood by the cross? Who didn't? What did John do? How can you do likewise?
3. Jesus, even on the cross you helped others, yet I join with those who insult you; please...