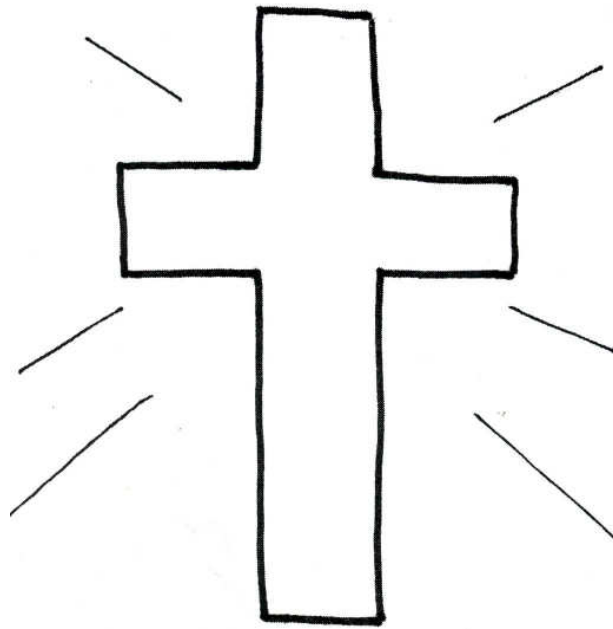


The Dispensation of the Hypostatic Union

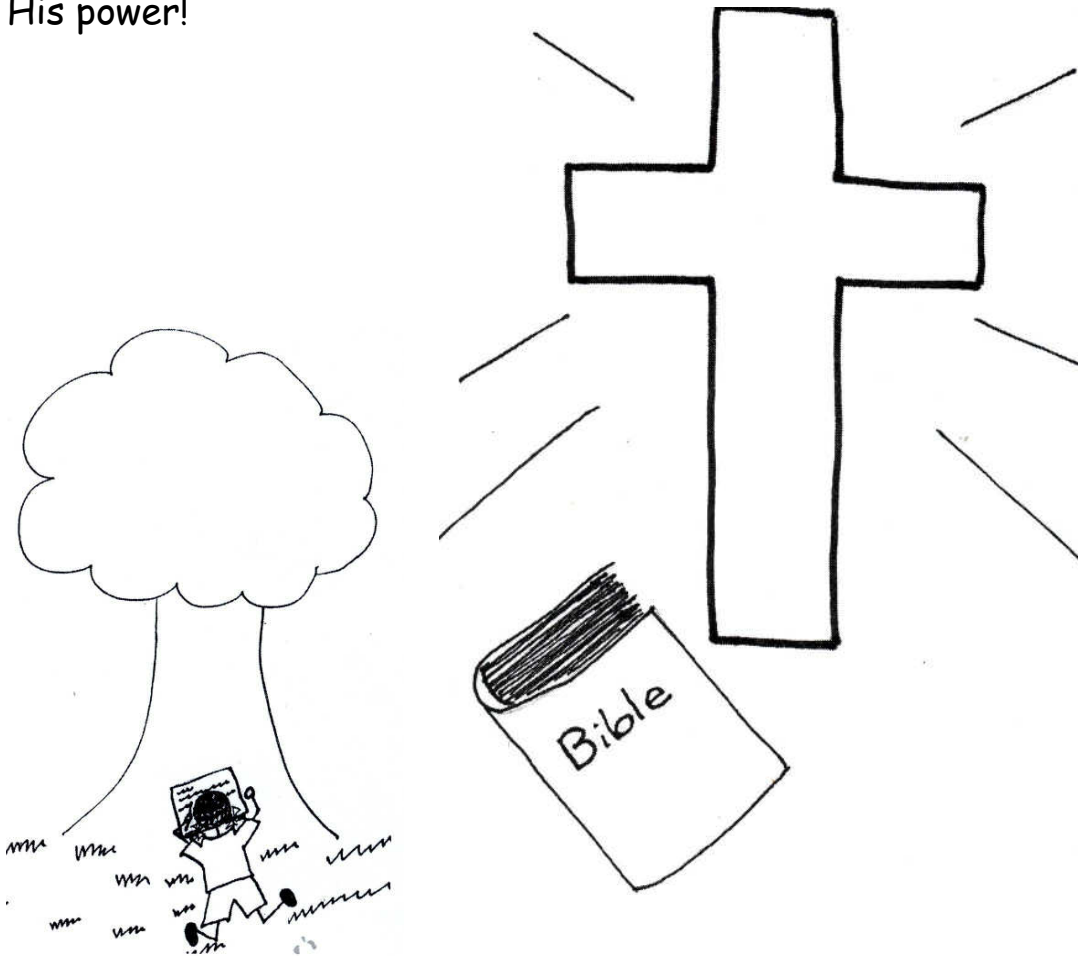
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The Sayings of Our Lord on the Cross

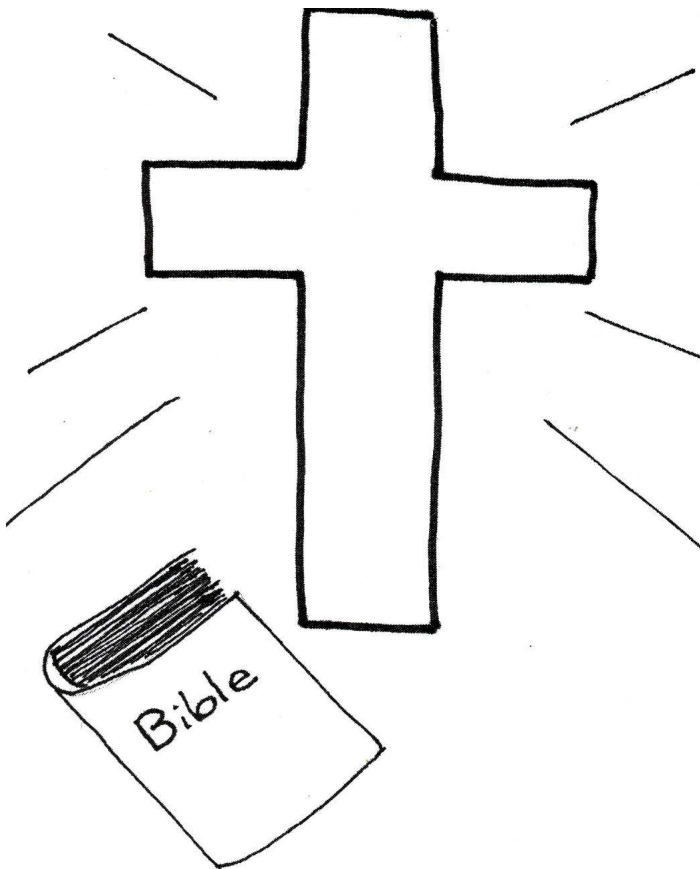


Dearest Jesus,

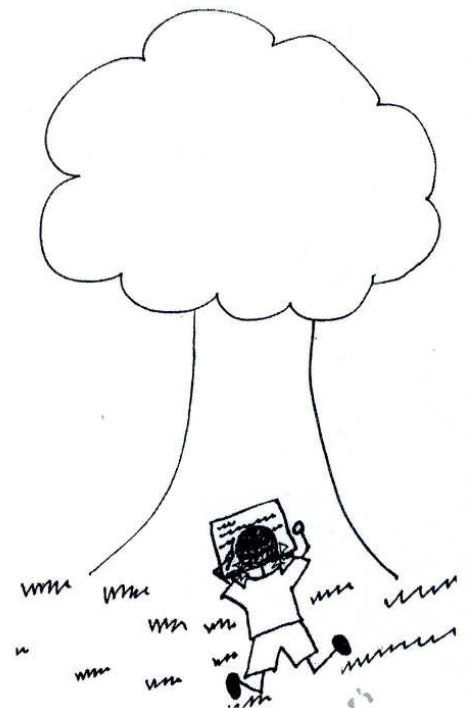
Words can't explain how wonderful You are. While on the cross after spending all night being brutally tortured, You prayed for Your enemies! **Luke 23:34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."** In all of Your pain, you found something good to say about Your enemies, **"for they do not know what they are doing."** You prayed for those who rejected Your word; how much more You will pray for those who love Your word and love You. That gives me great confidence! You showed us the depth of Your love for us as well as the Father's love for us. You showed us real forgiveness. You showed us the power of the Holy Spirit since You were operating under His power!



Jesus, at this moment You know the exact thoughts I am thinking. You know the suffering and temptations I am facing. You know the trials and temptations that are just around the corner waiting for me! You are praying for everything I need to handle them. The kingdom of darkness tries to blind and deceive me. It does a pretty good job sometimes. It tries to make me feel guilty and not forgiven. One of man's greatest needs is the need of forgiveness. You understand that I have this need. When I rebound, when I tell God the Father my sins, I am filled again with the Holy Spirit, and I am reminded that I am forgiven. You know my thinking! More and more I want to follow Your thinking, Bible doctrine.



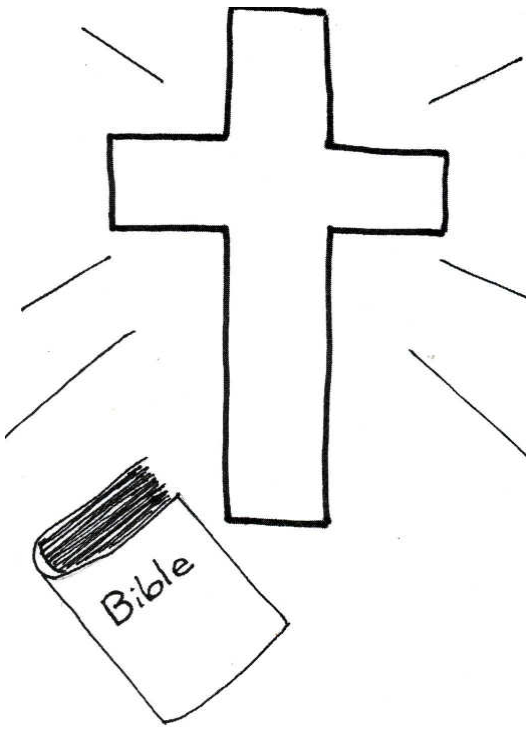
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.





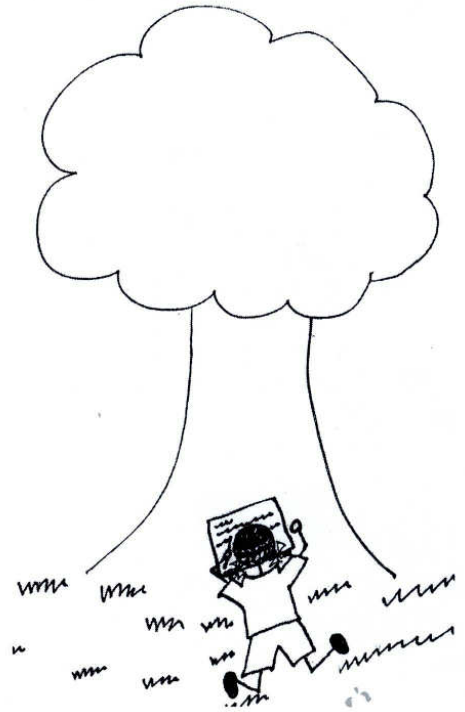
You knew what the thief on the cross was thinking. He recognized that You were the God Man and that you were sinless. He did what is necessary for man to do for salvation: he believed in You as his Savior. He didn't add any works to it. He couldn't! When the thief on the cross believed in You and said, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom", You said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43) You assured him of forgiveness, salvation and eternal security! You put his mind at rest while You were in extreme pain! As a believer, I have that same assurance. You always want me to be at peace and rest in Your love!



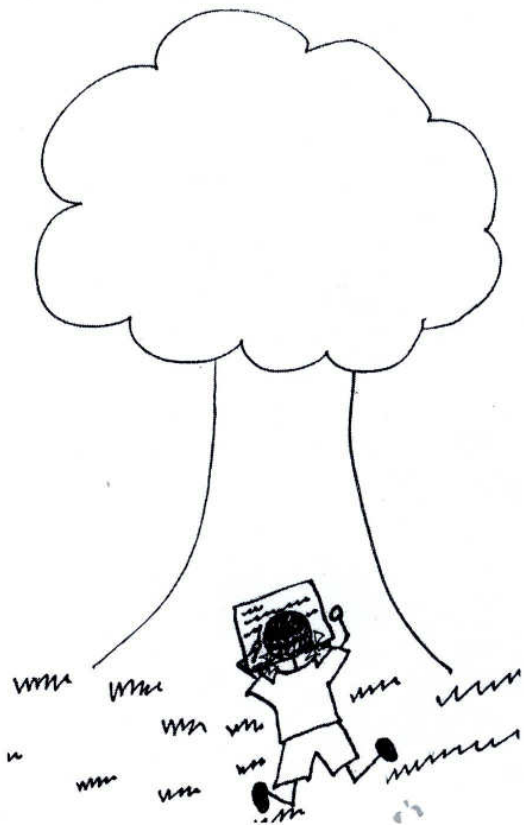


Also, while going through tremendous suffering on the cross, You showed amazing affection and care for others. Before the cross, You were supporting Your mother. After Your death, You knew she would need someone to take care of her. You had great compassion for her. You had no way to provide for Your mother except to ask a friend to take care of her. **John 19:26-27**

When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own [household]. You directed Mary to look at John as her son, not at You and Your suffering. God the Father was removing one comfort from Mary, You, and replacing it with another comfort, John. God is just like that! He always provides comfort!

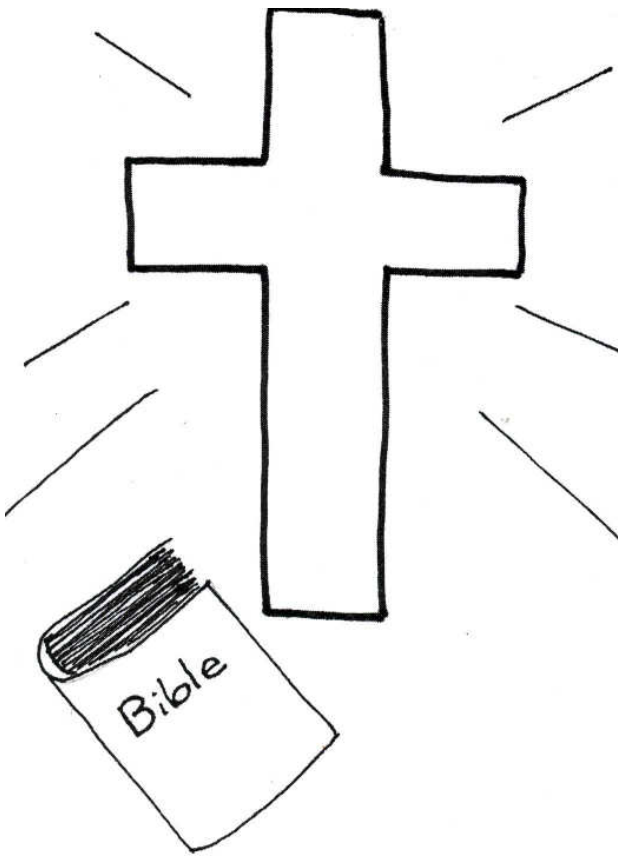


Mary, your mother, did not show weakness. She showed God's power working in her. She suffered silently. How difficult it must have been for her to see her son suffering so. However, how happy she must have been to know why You were suffering, for the salvation of the world! How comforted she must have been to know and experience Your compassion! It was sweet sorrow! And John, who had deserted You in a time of need like the other apostles, was standing at the foot of the cross. You assured him of Your love. You blessed him with the great honor of caring for Mary. You showed that you trusted his capacity to do so. What an honor and privilege it is for me when You entrust me with helping others.



Matthew 9:13 " But go and learn what [this] means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 12:7 "But if you had known what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.



Then the time came when You "bore our sins in His [Your] own body on the tree." This was Your worst suffering, Psalm 22:1, "**My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?**" You were separated spiritually from God the Father. In His justice, God the Father was judging **our** sins which You carried in Your body. You Who had no sin did this for us! God the Father poured all of the sins of the entire human race upon You. And You were willing to bear them for all of us! God the Father did not judge You, Jesus; God the Father judged sin. You were our guilt

offering. You satisfied the perfect justice of a holy and loving God. You redeemed mankind!

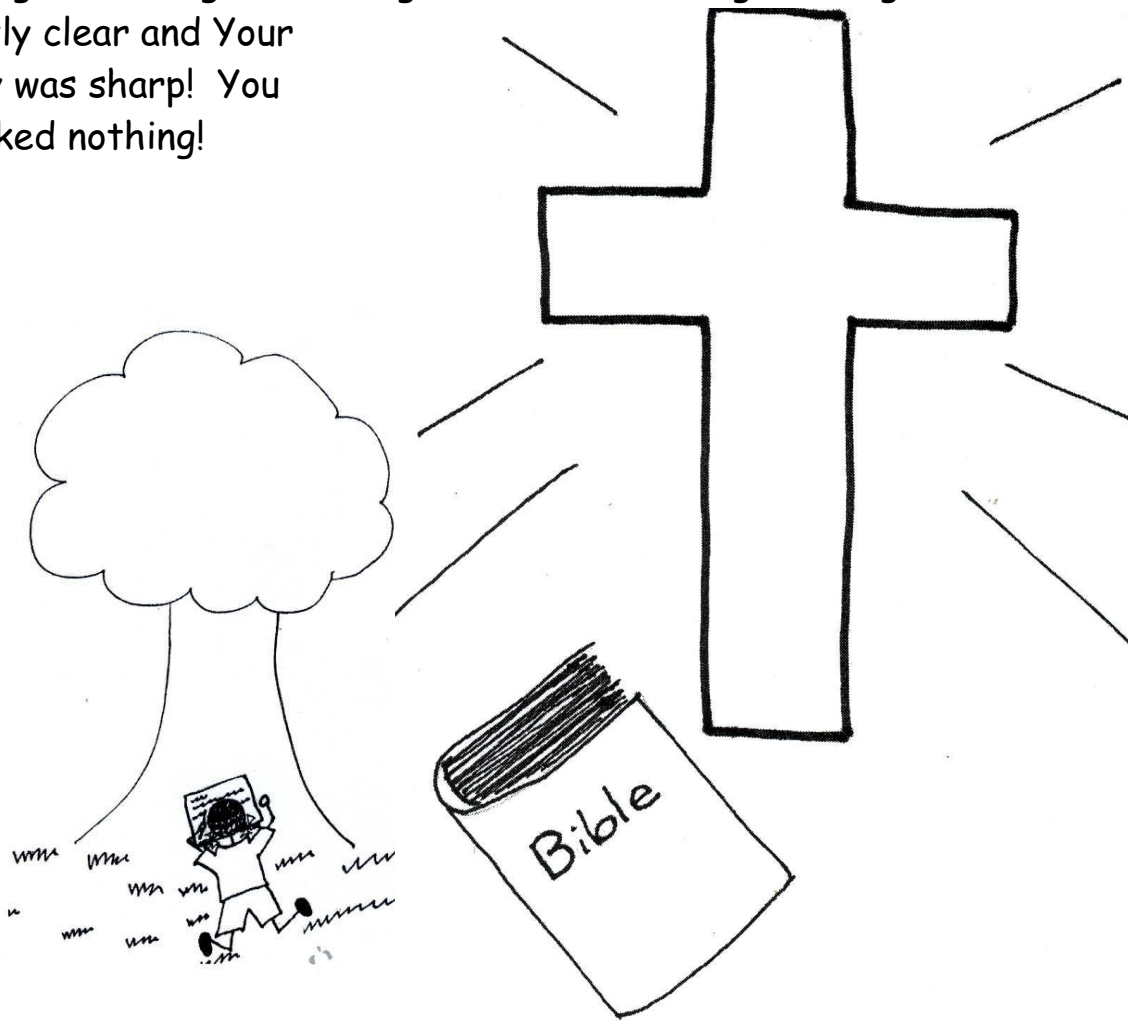
1 John 3:5 And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.
Matthew 3:17 This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.

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John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, [Jesus knew that salvation had been accomplished] to fulfill the Scripture said, "I am thirsty."

Jesus, nothing in the Word of God was too insignificant or small for You to do. The very fact that You did "thirst" shows Your perfect submission to the Father's will. In the Bible, which expresses the will of God, it was written that You should thirst! The first great lesson from John 19:28 is the importance of the Word of God. You, Jesus, came to do God's will, and You did it perfectly! It wasn't because You were sooo thirsty that You drank, but to fulfill the scripture. Even though You had hung on the cross for six hours and had gone through suffering no one else could go through, Your mind was perfectly clear and Your memory was sharp! You overlooked nothing!



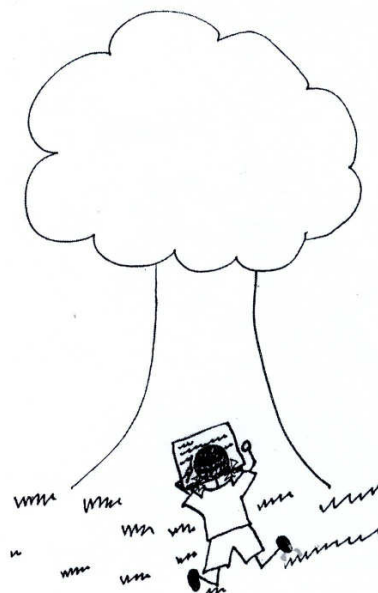
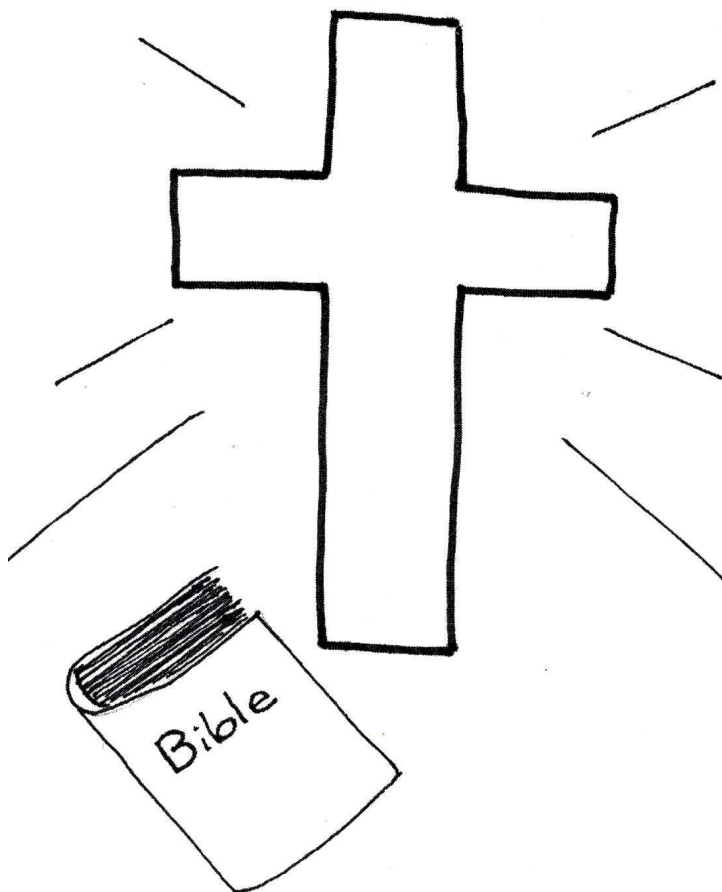
Jesus, my prayer is that I might have some of the joy, reverence, and interest in the Scripture You had. Your suffering was more than anyone will ever have to endure. You did it for mankind. You showed me how to go through suffering, when necessary, for others. I have to learn through Bible doctrine how to do this. You had the power of God the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine; I have the same power. You are my Teacher; I am Your disciple or student! You are my Master; I am Your slave!



Matthew 10:24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

John 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Jesus, when you said, "it is finished", You made it clear that salvation was complete. You made it very clear that to add anything to the finished work of salvation is sheer blasphemy or disrespect! It's like saying, "Jesus' work on the cross really didn't redeem mankind." How wrong that is! When You said, "it is finished", you were telling me that all You came from heaven to earth to do was now done! You were telling me that God's glorious character had been revealed! You were telling me that I could now forget about sin since it had been paid for, and I could concentrate on You. You secured for me an eternal inheritance. Jesus, Your work on the cross was finished! Now I just have to live in Your Word!



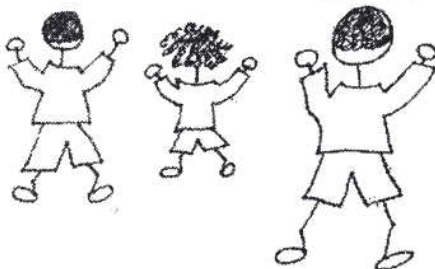
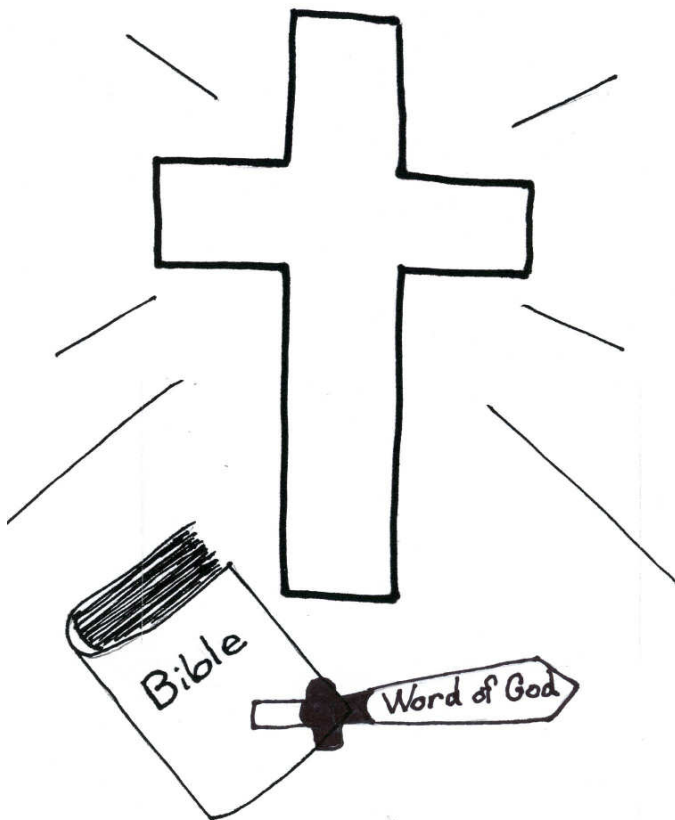
Luke 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

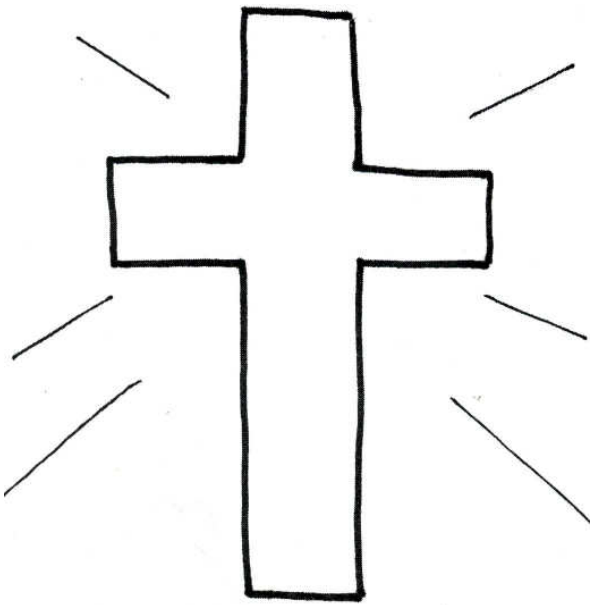
Now the payment for sin was complete and You called God the Father by the name of Father. This showed that Your work had been completed; God the Father had been satisfied. Then You were able to dismiss Your spirit. Jesus, when You died on the cross it was voluntary. You made up Your own mind to die, You had authority to lay down Your life. The authority was given to You by the Father, John 10:17-18. **Psalm 31:5** Into Your hand I commit My spirit; You have ransomed Me, O Lord, God of truth [doctrine]. You were so familiar with the Bible, with doctrine, the Word of God. You, the Incarnate Word, lived on the inspired word. You showed me how to live in God's Word. What a fantastic Teacher You are!

Thank You, Jesus!

Your adoring and loving student,

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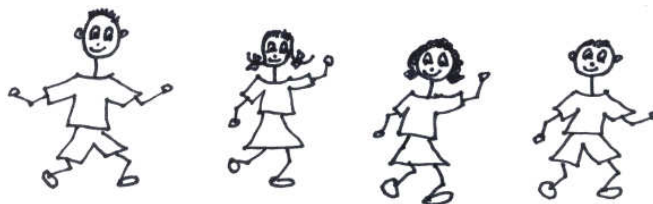




Seven Statements Jesus Christ Said on the Cross

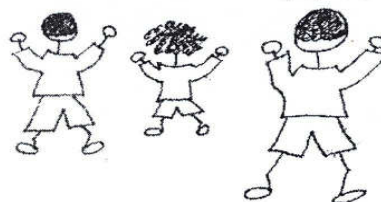
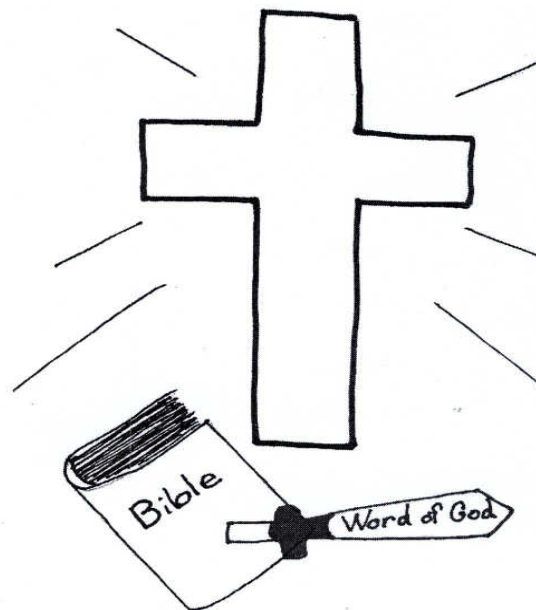
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Salvation
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Compassion
4. Matthew 27:46 "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"
Anquish (terrible pain)
5. John 19:28 "I am thirsty."
Suffering
6. John 19:30 "It is finished!"
Victory
7. Luke 23:46 "Father, into Thy hands I commit My Spirit."
Contentment

Jesus was buried. On the third day His body, soul, and spirit rose from the dead. He walked among men for a short time, and then He ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of God the Father. Now the Church Age could begin!



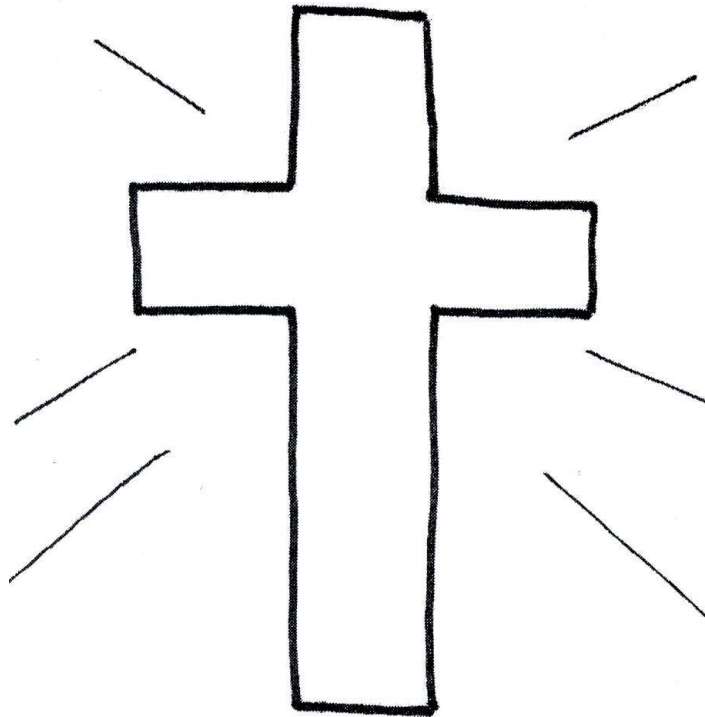
Points to Remember

1. While on the cross after spending all night being brutally tortured, Jesus prayed for His enemies.
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6. Mary, Jesus' mother, did not show weakness. She showed God's power working in her.
7. Jesus was separated spiritually from God the Father.
8. God was against sin, not against Jesus.
9. Nothing in the Word of God was too insignificant or small for Jesus to do.
10. Jesus had great joy, reverence and interest in the Scripture.
11. On the cross, Jesus did all that was necessary for our salvation. We can't add anything to it.
12. Jesus had the authority to lay down His own life.
13. Jesus showed me how to live in God's Word.



Questions for Discussion

1. What scripture tells us that Jesus prayed for his enemies?
2. What is one of man's greatest needs?
3. What did Jesus say in Luke 23:43 to the thief on the cross?
4. How did Jesus make sure his mother was taken care of after his death?
5. What did Jesus say when he was going through the worst suffering on the cross?
6. After Jesus knew that salvation was accomplished what did he say?
7. What did Jesus say so we would know that salvation was complete?



Word Scramble for *Dispensation of the Hypostatic Union, Part 2*



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