

## JESUS UTTERED A WORD OF NEED

John 19:28

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** Betrayed by a friend - forsaking of the disciples through being offended by Jesus and afraid - the false accusation - the silence before His judges - being proven guiltless - numbering Him with transgressors - being crucified - mockery of the spectators - the taunt of non-deliverance - the gambling for His garments - the prayer for His enemies - being forsaken of God - the thirsting - the yielding of His spirit into the hands of the Father - His bones not broken - the burial in a rich man's tomb - all plainly foretold centuries before they came to pass - and now continuing in fulfilling prophecy we come to Jesus' word of need from the cross - "*...I thirst...*"

### 1. Here is evidence of Jesus' humanity.

- Jesus was not man that would become God, but God who became a living human being.
- The one born in Bethlehem was the Word of God becoming flesh.
- Here on earth Jesus gave proof of His deity many times over - healing, teaching, knowing thoughts, power over nature, casting out demons, raising dead to life.
- As a baby, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes - as a child, He grew in wisdom and stature, as a boy He is found asking questions in the temple, as a man he was tired, hungry, slept, marvelled, cried, prayed, rejoiced, groaned and now He thirsts. Truly Jesus was/is a human being.

### 2. Here is seen the intensity of Jesus' sufferings.

- Think of what He had been through during the past 24 hours.
  - agonizing prayer in the garden - the night spent in and out of courtrooms - jerked around - mocked, whipped - back and forth across the city with no rest, not even allowed to sit.
- Bleeding back, carrying the heavy cross in the heat of the day, struggling up the uneven streets, finally having His hands and feet nailed to a cross and then the cross raised up.
- Hanging there with the sun beaming down, agonizing pain, three hours of darkness, **all this and not a single word!**
- Finally, after all this and the separation of God from Him, Jesus said, "*...I thirst.*"

### 3. Here is seen the Lord's deep reverence for the scriptures.

- Jesus delighted in the Father's Word throughout His human life and now in His death, His mind was once again on the Father's Word.
  - "*...that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith I thirst.*" There remained nothing more in fulfilling all the prophecies of His death except this last one, and in order to fulfill it, He cried "*...I thirst!*"

### 4. Here is seen the Savior's submission to the Father's will.

- Jesus could have ended it all before it ever started and could have stopped it anywhere along the way, but He came here to do God's will, and therefore He obeyed to the very end.
- Nothing prevented the Lord from completely obeying the Father's will.
- What does it take to cause US to stumble, to not completely obey the Father's will for us?

**5. Here is seen how Jesus can sympathize with His suffering people.**

- Why is there suffering? Why does God allow this or that? Doesn't God care?
- Take a look at the cross. It will answer all these questions. *"...For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; ;but was in all points tempted (tried) like as we are, yet without sin..." (Hebrews 4:15*

**6. Here is seen the expression of a genuine, universal, human need.**

- Why all the rush, hurry, searching, experimentation, insane craze of wanting, looking, trying, etc?
- Every human being has a **spiritual thirst**. And Jesus Christ, alone, can quench that thirst as He has lived here and experienced all that mankind can. He knows what it is like and He alone, can satisfy the thirst of the soul.

**7. A final thought about the thirst of Jesus.**

- He still thirsts! For the love and devotion of His own. For fellowship with His blood-bought people.
- What did Jesus tell the woman at the well about thirst?
- What did Jesus say when He said that He stood at the door and knocked?

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Jesus was obedient to the Father's will for Himself completely, to the very end as difficult as it was.
2. How obedient are/have YOU been?
3. Jesus still thirsts but it is for OUR fellowship with Him. How is your fellowship with Jesus?