SEVEN LAST SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS OF CALVARY,

AND A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

The events of the night and morning prior to the crucifixion were the Supper, the Garden experience, the Betrayal, the Capture, the Mock Trial and the delivery to the Romans to be crucified. At approximately the third hour (9 am) (The day before the Jewish Passover) Jesus was placed upon the cross and crucified. I believe that the seven last sayings occurred in the following order. Not everyone agrees with this chronology, but it is the one that makes the most sense to me. The chart below attempts to provide a pictorial guide to the events of the day. It was Wednesday, not Friday that Jesus was placed upon the Cross. Please see my other teaching on the "Myth of Good Friday." Here is my understanding of Jesus' last words from the Cross.

1. Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

2. Luke 23:39-43

'And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. ⁴⁰But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. ⁴²And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. ⁴³And Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**"

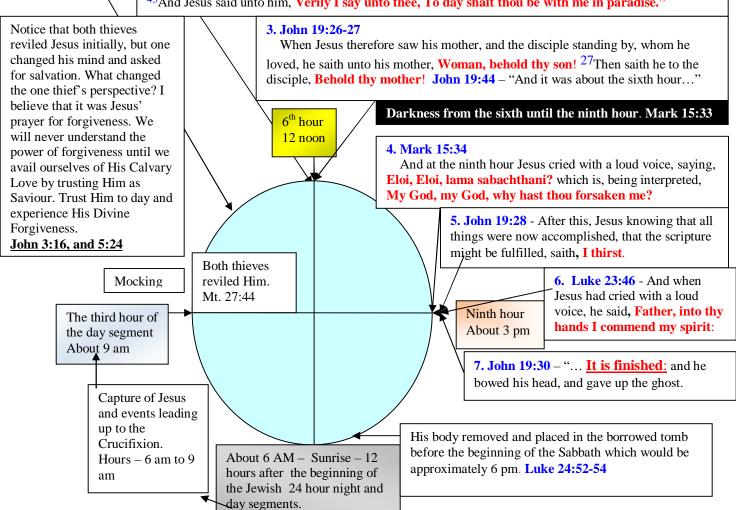


Chart drawn by: Dr. Robert E. Bliss If you have never been saved, please consider the following verses:

Romans 10:9-13 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹²For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.