

7 Last Sayings On the Cross



Getting Ready For Easter

Luke 23:34,40-43, 46; John 19:26,27, 28, 30; Matthew 27:46

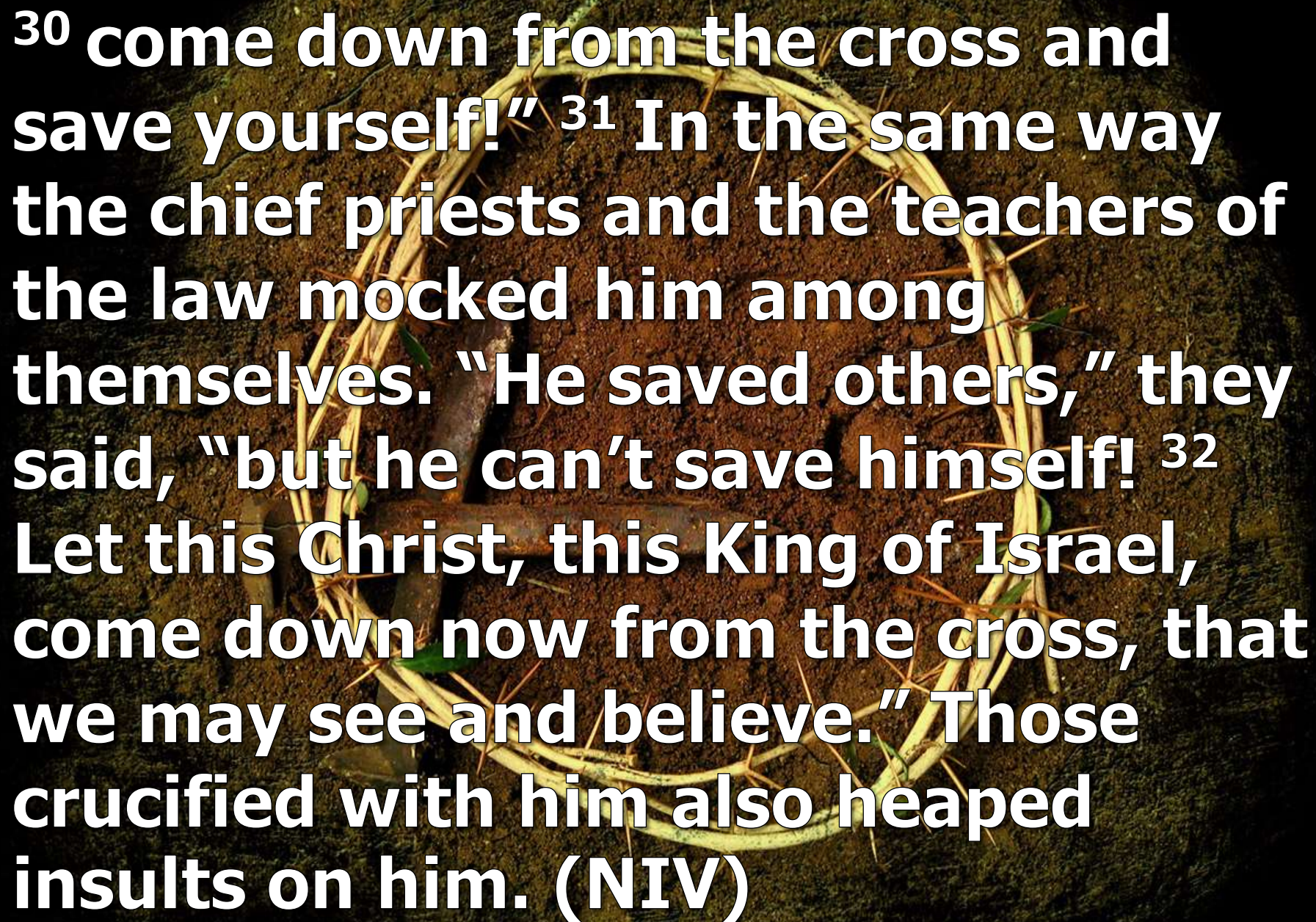
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Mark 15:25-32

²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷ They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days,

A crown of thorns, made of dry, brown, and sharp-tipped branches, is positioned in the center of the image. It lies on a dark, rough, and uneven surface that appears to be a piece of weathered wood or stone. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the thorns and deep shadows in the surrounding texture.

**³⁰ come down from the cross and
save yourself!" ³¹ In the same way
the chief priests and the teachers of
the law mocked him among
themselves. "He saved others," they
said, "but he can't save himself! ³²
Let this Christ, this King of Israel,
come down now from the cross, that
we may see and believe." Those
crucified with him also heaped
insults on him. (NIV)**

The image shows three crosses silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fills the lower half of the frame. The crosses are dark and stand on a dark, silhouetted landscape. The text "7 Last Sayings On the Cross" is overlaid in a bold, yellow font with a black outline at the bottom of the image.

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A crown of thorns, made of dry, light-colored twigs with sharp, brown thorns, is positioned in the center of the image. It rests on a dark, textured, brownish surface that resembles soil or a rock. The background is dark and out of focus.

1. Christ Spoke a Word of Forgiveness .

**Luke 23:34 ³⁴ Jesus said,
“Father, forgive them, for
they do not know what they
are doing.” And they divided
up his clothes by casting
lots. (NIV)**

2. Christ Spoke a Word of Hope.

Luke 23:40-43 ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." (NIV)

3. Christ Spoke a Word of Care.

John 19:26-27 ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. (NIV)

4. Christ Spoke a Word of Pain.

Matthew 27:46 ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (NIV)

5. Christ Spoke a Word of Need.

John 19:28 ²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." (NIV)

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6. Christ Spoke a Word of Victory.

John 19:30 ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (NIV)

7. Christ Spoke a Word of Trust .

Luke 23:46 ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. (NIV)



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