



*Cries from the Cross Sermon Series*

*Sermon #3*

*'The Third Cry: Affection!'*

***This past Wednesday in Cries from the Cross:***

- This past Wednesday we looked at Luke 23:39-43, as we looked at the conversation that unfolded between Jesus and the thieves on the cross.
  - This past Wednesday we discussed the salvation that Jesus offered to the thief on the cross, and the salvation that is offered to us and how we can receive it.
- I preached on a sermon entitled '*The Second Cry: Salvation!*' as I asked the question:
  - *How does the conversation Jesus has with the thief on the cross and His second cry on the Cross show us that salvation is available to all who believe in Jesus?*
    - **Point 1: *Admits his Sin.* (V. 41)**

- **Point 2: *Asks for Salvation.* (V. 42)**
- **Point 3: *Accepts God's Sovereignty.* (V. 43)**

- Based on this past Wednesday's message, have you had that time in your life where you've:
  - Admitted your sin?
  - Asked for salvation?
  - And, Accepted God's Sovereignty?

*'The Third Cry: Affection!'*

*John 19:25-27*

**Sermon in a Sentence:**

*We can see the affection of Jesus by looking at the third cry He said while on the Cross when we see how Jesus thought about His mother and how He took care of His mother.*

**Intro:**

- ***Showing affection to others is something that some people accelerate at, and others do not.***
  - For those that are great at showing others affection, they usually know their own love languages, and know which love languages are most impactful to them.
  - *Gary Chapman wrote a book in 1992 called 'The 5 Love Languages' where he identifies the 5 love languages:*
    - *1. Words of Affirmation.*
    - *2. Quality Time.*

- 3. *Physical Touch.*
  - 4. *Acts of Service.*
  - 5. *Receiving Gifts.*
- In looking at these 5 love languages, we can see how we as human beings accept and reciprocate love in different ways.
  - *The beauty of our scripture text today, is that the third thing that Jesus verbally said from the Cross, was a sign of affection for His Mother and beloved Disciple.*
- *While Jesus did not necessarily show us all 5 of Gary Chapman's love languages in this one phrase, he does show us two important things concerning his affection for those He loves.*
  - And if you are a believer today, we can learn about how much Jesus loves us based on what He said to Mary and John while on the Cross.

*\*Read John 19:25-27\**

**Context given by John 19:25:**

- Before we can examine the words that Jesus said from the Cross, I believe it's important that we look at the context clues that John gives us concerning this situation in verse 25:
  - 'but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.' John 19:25

- *Verse 25 identifies the fact that there were people, close to Jesus, that were gathered near the cross.*
  - Now we know that they did not stay by the Cross of Jesus during His entire crucifixion, but for a time, they were close enough to where they could hear these words.
    - *Obviously John refers to himself here as the 'disciple'.*
      - In fact, John does not use first person pronouns in regard to himself all throughout his Gospel.
      - So, we know that John, the writer of 5 books in the NT (John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John & Revelation) was standing close enough to hear the words of Jesus as well.
  - *According to Luke 23:49, this group that was close to Jesus went a distance away from the Cross where another, larger groups of Christ followers were standing.*
    - 'And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.' Luke 23:49
  - *Among scholars and theologians, there is much debate concerning the number of women that WERE there and WHO they were.*

- In Matthew 27:55-56 & Mark 15:40-31, both Matthew and Mark do not mention that the Mother of Jesus was among these women.
  - **But John does. Remember, 92% of the content that John provides in his Gospel is not found in Matthew, Mark, or Luke.**
- **When we read the different Gospels and the information that they provide concerning different events and circumstances in Jesus life, we need to remember that the Gospels compliment each other with the information they provide and do not contradict.**
  - **It's most likely that Matthew and Mark did not include Mary because it stays in line with the lowkey profile she has in NT Historical Narratives.**
- **As hard as this had to be for Mary, the Mother of Jesus to be an eye witness to, this scripture does fulfill what Simeon had told Mary back in Luke 2:35:**
  - ‘(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.’ Luke 2:35
- **Watching her son die this painful and agonizing death, had to be heavy on her heart and her soul.**
  - While Jesus was Mary’s Son, He also became her Savior that day.
  - Mary was a sinner too, and contrary to the Catholic Religion, Mary was not perfect, and Mary is not one that we ‘pray’ too.
    - **Mary needed to be saved from her sin just like you and I do.**
- Mary even mentions this in her Magnificat in [Luke 1:46-48](#):
  - “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.’
- **She refers to God as her Savior because she knows that she can’t save herself.**
- John mentions several other women that were standing near the Cross of Christ that day. Let me take just a moment and explain who we believe those ladies were:
  - **Lady #1: Jesus Mother.**
    - We know that Mary, the Mother of Jesus was there and have already dove into that a little bit.
  - **Lady #2: Salome.**

- When looking at Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40, it suggests that Jesus' Mother's sister was Salome who was possibly the mother of the sons of Zebedee.
  - *The only other time that she appears by name in the NT, is Mark 16:1 where she is identified as one of the women who brought spices to the body of Jesus.*
- *If Salome was in fact the mother of James and John, then she also appears in Matthew 20:20-21 where she asked Jesus to grant special places of honor for her son.*
- **Lady #3: Mary the Wife of Clopas.**
  - Little is known about who this is. According to Matthew 27:61, she was the 'other mary' at Jesus' tomb with Mary Magdalene and was one of the women who went to the tomb on the morning of our Lord's Resurrection according to Matthew 28:1.
    - 'Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.' Matthew 28:1
- **Lady #4: Mary Magdalene.**
  - ***This Mary we know very well and if we have spent any time reading the NT, we know that she occurs quite often in all of the Gospels.***
  - Mary Magdalene is in several of the accounts of the Resurrection of Christ.
    - *John McArthur said 'Her name suggests that she was from the village of Magdala, located on the west shore of the Sea of Galilee between Capernaum and Tiberias.'*
  - ***According to Luke 8:2, she was the one from which the 7 demons had gone out through the ministry of Jesus.***
    - 'and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out' Luke 8:2
- ***In studying verse 25, we can see who was around the cross. Which gives us better context to see what Jesus said while He was on the cross.***

**Question to Ask:**

*How do the words of Jesus to His mother, while He was suffering on the Cross, show us the affection He had for others?*

**Point 1: Jesus Thinks of His Mother. (V. 26)**

- *‘When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”*
  - *In the darkest hour/moment of His life, Jesus was thinking of his mother, and His beloved disciple, John.*
    - *Just for a minute, I want you to think about what consumes your thought life.*
      - *If most of us were being completely honest, what consumes our thoughts is often us. We love ourselves.*
  - Whether we are in a dark time or difficult situation or not, it’s often our own selves that we tend to think the most about.
    - *What we think about, comes out. And what we think about, reveals the nature of our own hearts.*
  - Specifically what we find in these verses, is that Jesus is thinking of His mother and her future well being on the earth.
    - F.F. Bruce said *‘Henceforth the beloved disciple (possibly her nephew by natural relationship) is to be a son to her, and to treat her as his mother.’*
  - *It’s important to realize that Jesus is not saying ‘Woman, behold, your son!’ for her to look at*

*him, but rather for her to look at John and realize that was to be her son now, because John would be taking care of her.*

■ ***\*Word Study\****

- The english word ‘behold’ is translated from the greek word ‘ide’ and here is an imperative of another greek word and is used as a participle.
  - *In this, context, it can literally mean ‘look’.*
- *And while we know Jesus could not physically point at John or Mary, it’s possible that He nodded His head as He said this.*
  - Showing Mary that she was to view John, as her son, because he would be the one taking care of her.
- *I can’t help but see three important things in this verse that show us the thought life of Jesus:*
- *Our thought life reveals the amount of Care we have for others.*
  - Jesus cared for his mother and for John.
    - *While Mary was looking up at the Cross and saw her son, she would quickly realize this would become her savior.*

- Imagine with me for a moment, how Mary and John would have helped one another after Jesus ascended to be with the Father in Heaven.
  - *John could encourage and comfort Mary with stories of how Jesus healed people, performed miracles, and walked on water.*
  - *Mary could encourage John with how the angel appeared to her that day and how praise for her God spewed out of her lips.*
    - She probably didn't fully realize and comprehend what would become of her son and that it would occur in this way.
- Notice that the scriptures do not tell us that Mary said anything.
  - *We aren't told that she came running to the cross, crying and screaming, asking for her son's life to be saved.*
    - Instead, Mary is silent at the cross and this is a very significant detail to you and I.
  - *The fact that Mary was silent at the Cross, shows us that she believed in her son.*
    - *She could've said that her Son's claims were false, but she said nothing. She knew that what He*

*said was true. She believed in Him.*

- W.W. said this concerning the care of Jesus *'Jesus assured her of His love, and He gave His choicest disciple, who rested on His bosom, to be her adopted son and to care for her.'*
  - Clearly we see that Care for others flooded Jesus's mind. Does it flood ours? Do we care for others the way we seek to care for ourselves?
- *Our thought life reveals the amount of Concern we have for others.*
  - I believe when Jesus said 'Woman, behold, your son!' that He is showing great concern for her.
    - *As english readers, when we read the word 'woman', it may be easy for us to say that Jesus was being disrespectful to His mother.*
      - *In all reality this is quite the opposite.*
    - *\*Word Study\**
      - The word 'Woman' here is translated from the greek word **'Gyne'** which literally means *woman but was a term of respect and reverence for His mother.*

- *Not the disrespectful way you and I would be tempted to interpret it.*
- ***Jesus never actually calls Mary His Mother in any of the scriptures.***
  - Obviously it was his mother, but this term in the greek was a term used out of love and respect. Even in the use of the greek word '*Gyne*' we can see the concern Jesus has for His mom.
- *Obviously, we see Jesus show concern when He looks at His mom and says 'Behold, your son', meaning John would be her adopted Son. But there are two possible reasons behind this concern.*
  - ***#1: Joseph was already most likely dead.***
    - The last time that we hear of Joseph in the scriptures is when Jesus was in the temple when He was 12. Other than that, we do not hear of him.
    - So, since Jesus was the firstborn son of Mary (she did have other children, half siblings of Jesus), He had an obligation, that we will see in a moment, to take care of His mother.
- ***#2: Jesus's brothers were not yet believers.***
  - We know that Jesus had half siblings, brothers and sisters.
- 'Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offense at him.' Mark 6:3
  - *We know that James and Jude would eventually become Believers and write the book of James and the book of Judge.*
- ***But while Jesus lived and walked on the earth, they did not believe in Him. They actually took shame in the fact they were half brothers of Jesus.***
  - John 7:5 very clearly and plainly shows us that they were not believers:
    - 'For not even his brothers believed in him.'
- ***So in doing this, we see that Jesus shows who His family really is.***
  - Jesus's family is the local Church. As we will look at in just a moment, as believers we are to take care of one another.
    - ***Biological family is in this life and is temporary, but Eternal***



*family are believers in Jesus and we will be together forever.*

- We see the Care, and Concern, but also we see the Compassion in Jesus's thoughts.
- ***Our thought life reveals the amount of Compassion we have for others.***
  - Based on this past Wednesday's sermon, we know that Jesus died for all, and in this we know He is and was compassionate.
    - 'but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' Romans 5:8
  - ***I can't help but think of Jesus' compassion in a similar yet different way.***
    - We know that Jesus knows what we think before we even say it.
  - Well, we know that Salome, Mary (Jesus Mother), was mentioned in verse 25 as having been there.
    - ***What's interesting to me, is that in Matthew 20:20-29, she asks for thrones for both of her sons, we know that Jesus denied that request.***
      - ***Verse 25 tells us that she was at the foot of the cross when Jesus died. Imagine, how she felt at the cross.***
  - ***Imagine just how selfish she truly felt.***

- While Jesus thoughts were fixated on accomplishing His mission so that all might be saved through Him, she was selfishly thinking about her own sons being exalted.

***This scene in scripture should show us, and her, that our thoughts do matter to God.***

- ***But no matter how selfish or self-centered they may be, our God is still a God of great compassion.***
  - Jesus knew where her heart placement was at, but He still died for her.

***As we move to verse 27, I want you to think and reflect on the thoughts of your own life.***

- Are there times where you don't share the Care, Concern, and Compassion for others that you should?
  - Well, in Jesus' darkest hour, He showed these three things. He is our example to follow.
  - So shouldn't our thoughts be full of Care, Concern, and Compassion for others?

**Point 2: Jesus Takes Care of His Mother. (V. 27)**

- ***'Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.'***



- Just as Jesus told Mary that John was going to be her son, He tells John that Mary is going to be His mother.
  - *Jesus not only thinks of her by having Concern, Care, and Compassion, but He also makes the necessary arrangements to make sure she's taken care of.*
- *It's not enough just to think positively towards someone, but it takes action.*
  - If we truly have good thoughts towards others, thoughts of love and affection, then our actions of taking care of them will follow.
- *I believe that verse 27 shows us to important things about how Jesus was taking care of His mother.*
- **Jesus Honors His Obligation. (V. 27a)**
  - 'Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"
  - Obviously, Jesus cared and loved His mom, but He was also following the guidelines that God gave in the OT concerning taking care of one's parents.
    - *At this time, Jesus' mother was most likely widowed, and was most likely in her 40s or 50s. So, Jesus makes provisions for her and for her well being.*

- *In doing this, Jesus honors His biblical obligation to take care of His mom.*
  - "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12
  - "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." Deuteronomy 5:16
    - *To honor thy Father and Mother in Biblical days, was to literally take care of them.*
      - There was no welfare, no social security, or retirement plans.
    - *It happened often, but it was a sin for the people of God just to cast their parents or elderly family members on the side of the road.*
      - *They were to take care of them.*
- And so Jesus does the right thing, and honors His Biblical obligation to His mother.
- **John Helps his Own. (V. 27b)**
  - 'And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.'
  - John helps his sister in Christ.

- *As has already been mentioned, it's possible that Mary, the Mother of Jesus was John's Aunt.*
      - *But that's not the reason that Jesus entrusts His mother into his care.*
  - If that were the case, based on family blood lines, then Jesus would've trusted His brothers to take care of His mom, but He did not.
    - *Jesus gives mary into the care of John because He was a believer, and one of the closest disciples of our Lord.*
  - *In this verse, I truly believe that we see the example of what the local Church is to be.*
    - *We are to take care of one other.*
    - *The family of God, should take care of the Family of God.*
  - I can't help but think of all the ways in the last 3 years that I've been able to see first hand how you as a congregation have taken care of each other. Biblically, that's what we're supposed to do.
    - *And John embodies that here by taking care of Jesus' mother at His request.*
  - *\*Word Study\**
    - *I believe that it's important to point out from the greek text that the phrase 'to his own home' comes from the greek phrase **Eis Ta Idia** which is in fact,*

*identical in the greek, to the phrase in John 1:11:*

- 'He came to his own,'
- *Jesus showed that He loved His own by not only dying for them, but making arrangements for them while He still had breath in His lungs.*
  - *We are 'His own'. If we are found in Him.*
- *If Jesus cared about His own (believers), then shouldn't you and I be dedicated to caring for one another?*

#### Conclusion:

- *If Jesus showed this much affection while on the Cross in His darkest most despairing hour, how much affection should we show to those around us?*
  - We can do a much better job of this by examining our Thought Life and how we Take care of our fellow believers.
  - *Jesus gives us a great example of what affection looks like in our darkest of hours.*
    - When you look at the Words of Jesus in this text, I can't help but think of [John 3:30](#).
      - 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'
  - *So where are you this morning?*
    - *If you are a believer...*

- Do you show more affection to yourself and your own needs? Or showing affection to those around you?
- *If you aren't a believer...*
  - Then today, you can see the love that Christ has for His own.
  - *And as John 1 states, His own are those who have believed in His name and are called 'Children of God'.*
  - 'But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.'  
John 1:12-13
    - *If you want to become a child of the King today, I want to invite you to come down that aisle and take my hand, and say 'I want to know Jesus!'*
  - The greatest example of Love that the world will ever know, that while He was on the Cross, WE were on His mind!