Standing at the Foot of the Cross

Standing at the foot of the cross, the apostle John receives a charge to care for the mother of Jesus. To Jesus she is no longer “Mom.” She is a woman, a disciple, for whom He must die (see also John 2:4). Standing at the foot of the cross, John observes certain fulfillments of prophecy that He passes on to us. **Through death, Jesus entered into our poverty that we might inherit His riches.**

**1. Jesus was stripped naked to clothe us with His righteousness.**

Prophecy – Psalm 22:18

Principle – Revelation 3:17-18

**2. Jesus thirsted to *give us living water*.**

Prophecy – Psalm 69:21

Principle – John 4:13-14; 7:37-39

**3. Jesus said, “It is finished,” so *we can add nothing to His death.***

Prophecy – John 4:34; 17:4 (“accomplish” = same verb as “finished”); “gave up His spirit” – John 10:17-18

Principle – Hebrews 1:3; Ephesians 2:8-10

**4. Jesus was the Passover Lamb, so *God’s wrath passes over us.***

Prophecy – Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20

Principle – 1 Corinthians 5:7

**5. Jesus’ pierced side poured out blood and water *to deal with the guilt and filth of sin.***

Prophecy – Zechariah 12:10 and 13:1; Revelation 1:7;

Principle – 1 John 5:5-8; Leviticus 17:11; Ezekiel 36:25

Titus 3:5-6; Hebrews 9:19

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. I read but did not give you an opportunity to turn to all the verses listed on the other side of your sermon outline. It would be profitable for you to spend some time looking them up and thinking about them.

3. Jesus took

* Our nakedness
* Our thirst
* Our obligations toward God
* God’s wrath toward us
* Our guilt and filth

Which of these, as symbolized by the events in John 19, impresses you most forcefully?