

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: April 8, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Luke 23:26-43
Topic: Preparing The Way of The Lord...The Day of Redemption	

When a sacrifice is made it speaks volumes both of the giver and the beneficiary. The passage raises questions concerning:

- The Cause of Sorrow
- The Correctness of Sight
- The Closeness of Salvation

Verses 26-31 seem to beg the question, 'pity for who,' highlighted by:

- ✓ The Weight of the Cross (verse 26)
- ✓ The Wailing of the Concerned (verse 27)
- ✓ The Warning of Christ (verses 28-31)

Those highlights suggest a call to see our distress, which demands that we give attention to Christ. We need to consider where we are headed.



Verses 32-38, suggest another question, which is perception of what? This is seen in the ignorance of the people shown in:

- ✓ Where they placed Him (verses 32-33)
- ✓ What He pleaded for (verse 34a)
- ✓ What they preyed on (verse 34b)
- ✓ Who they played with (verses 35-37)
- ✓ What they placed above Him (verse 38)

This is a call to see our distance. We ought to make an appraisal of our conclusions because the fact is that we need to consider what is in our heads.

'Paradise when' seems to be the question that is raised in verses 39-43, seen in the:

- ✓ Challenge to Christ (verse 39)
- ✓ Caution by Comrade (verses 40-41)
- ✓ Consciousness of Christ (verse 42)
- ✓ Comfort by Christ (verse 43)

These verses represent a call to see our deliverance, which demands that we make an appeal to the Conquering One. The fact is that we need to call out to the Head of the Church (Christ the Lord).

The death of Christ speaks both of the depth of His love as well as the depth of our need. Let us demonstrate awareness of our condition by our committed response to His love.