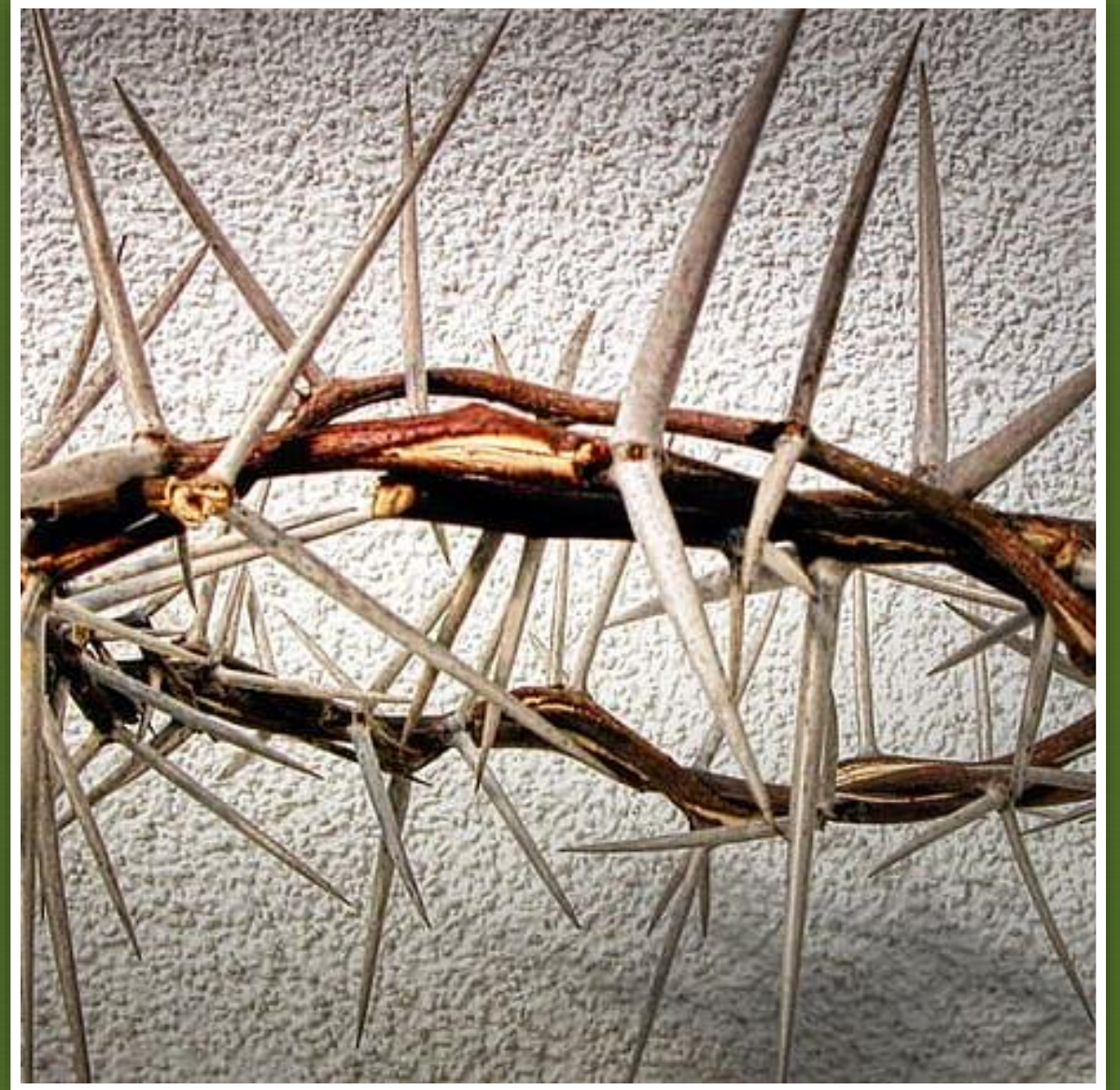


Six Hours

One Friday

(Good Friday 2023)



As it unfolded...

- † Before 9.00 am Jesus taken out to be crucified
- † 9.00 am Jesus crucified
- † 9.00 am – 12 noon: daylight
- † **Jesus' first three statements**
- † 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm: darkness (Matt 27:45)
- † **Jesus' final four statements**
- † 3.00 pm: Jesus dies

(1) *Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”— Luke 23:34*

- Jesus: thinking about others
- Soldiers: obeying orders
- Not knowing who they were crucifying or why
- A “simple” execution was actually the salvation act for the world
- Forgiveness – a mark of Jesus & His followers
(see Acts 7:60)

(2) *“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*— Luke 23:43

- ❑ Evangelism on the cross!
- ❑ What saved the thief? Certainly not good works
- ❑ Salvation through belief in & submission to Jesus

(3) *“Woman, here is your son,”*— John
19:26

- ❖ Continued concern for others
- ❖ Where is Joseph, Mary’s husband? Already died?
- ❖ Jesus, the “oldest son” ensures Mary is not left alone
- ❖ He still ensures we are never alone!

(4) “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (*which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*) — Mark 15:34

- Jesus faces abandonment as He bears the sins of the whole world
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God’s goodness into us! (TLB)

For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in *and* through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness]. (AMP)

(5) *“I am thirsty.”*— John 19:28

- Fulfilling the prophecy of Psalm 69:21 written 1,000 years earlier
- Earlier refused another drink – sedative
- Now asks... His humanity (more?)

(6) *“It is finished.”* — John 19:30

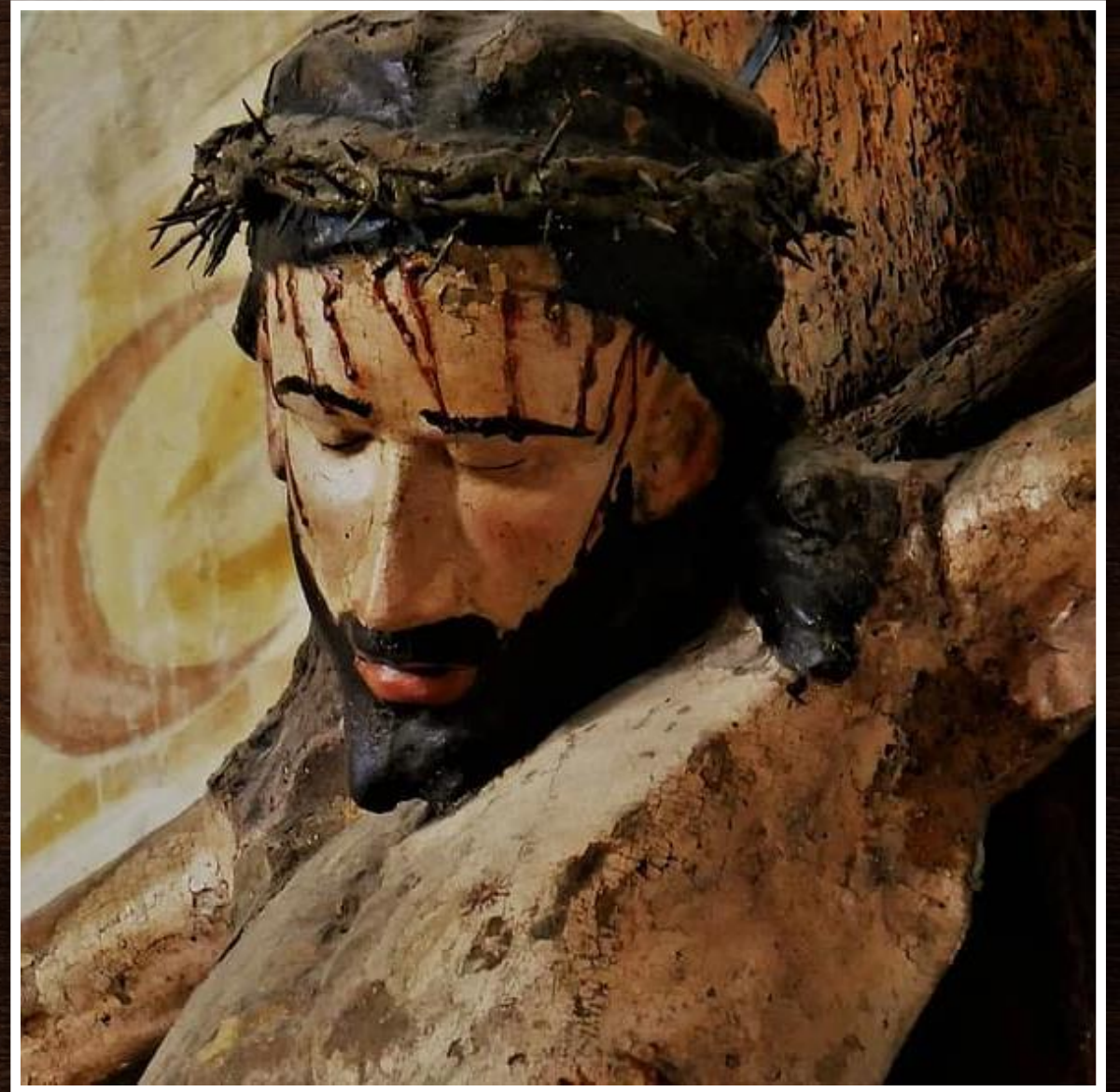
- ✓ Everything that needed to be done has now been done
- ✓ Over 300 OT prophecies fulfilled in Christ
- ✓ Most important – everything required to offer salvation has been done.
- ✓ Completed!

(7) *“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”* — Luke 23:46

- ☑ Jesus willingly places Himself into the Father’s hands
- ☑ He “offered himself unblemished to God” (Hebrews 9:14)

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him shall not be lost but should have eternal life.”

John 3:16 *(JB Phillips)*



What a
Friend we
have in
Jesus!

