

Scene Two: Jesus Endures the Wrath of God
Matthew 27: 45-50

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Anger

“Orge”

- Indignation that has risen gradually
- Settled condition of mind – revenge
- Lingering – seething emotion

Wrath

“Thumos”

- Sudden outburst of passionate anger
- Blaze of temper – flares into violent words or deeds
- Blowing off steam

Verse 45

Darkness over the land

Why darkness?

Darkness is associated with judgment
Exodus 10: 21-23

God is placing all the judgment, that we deserved, on Jesus

INDEED, A DARK TIME!!

Verse 46

A cry of despair

It is here that Jesus experiences, for the first time, separation from His Father

A cry of despair:

“Eli, Eli, sabachthani!”

***“My God, My God, why have
You forsaken Me!”***

God cannot be in the presence of sin!

***Jesus is hanging naked on the cross; every sin
ever committed is being placed on Him***

Verse 47-48

Various responses to Jesus' suffering

Some had compassion and wanted to help any way they could

The majority, calloused and uncaring, cry out –
“Let Him alone”

Verse 50
It is finished!

A silhouette of a person on a cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a dramatic, cloudy sky in shades of blue and white. The text "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the cross. Below it, the text "PAID IN FULL" is written in red, bold, uppercase letters.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

PAID IN FULL

What is paid in full?

Jesus' death paid the price for our lives

Jesus sensed that God had withdrawn His presence from Him!

Ever been there?

Job was there!!

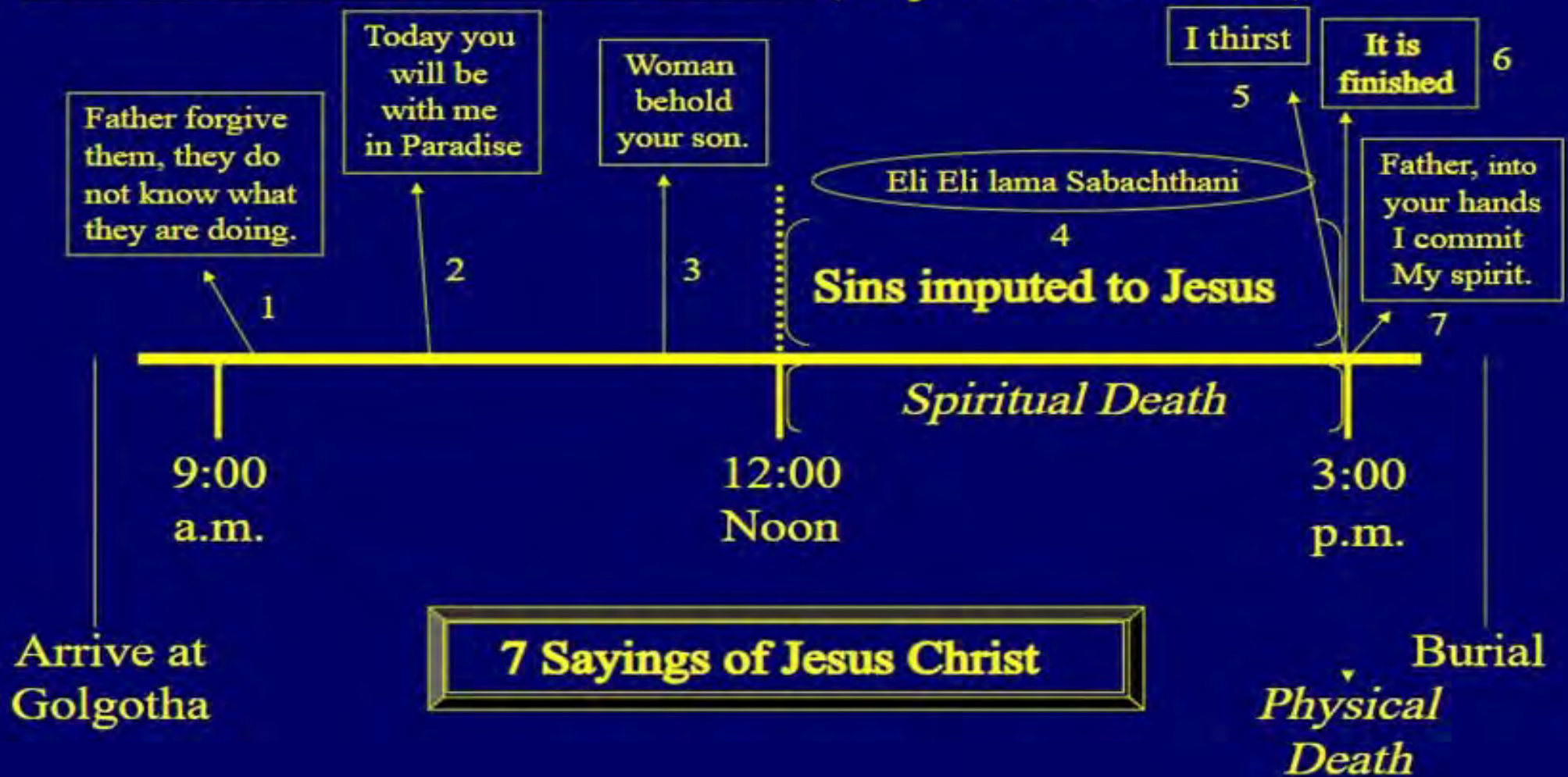
Job 23:8-10

- ⁸ “But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him.
- ⁹ When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.
- ¹⁰ But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.



God knows where I am, even when I do not sense Him or understand Him

Time line of the Cross (day of Passover)



What was accomplished at the Cross?

Substitutionary Atonement – 2 Corinthians 5: 21

Atonement = “*propitiation*” = an acceptable sacrifice pacifying the wrath of God

Redemption = Jesus paid the purchased price for us; purchased out of the slave market of sin

God's wrath is on all mankind because of sin

The only way for God's wrath to be removed is to believe in His Son's death in your place

Romans 5:8-11

Reasons to Rejoice

Rom 5:8 (NKJ) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

This is an act of love; however, God's love is not greater than His other attributes

ELOHIM = "GOD"

GOD IS ONE IN ESSENCE

SOVEREIGN	Ps. 115:3	OMNISCIENCE	Col. 2:3
RIGHTEOUS	II Cor. 5:21	OMNIPRESENT	Ps. 139:7-12
JUSTICE	Rm. 3:24-26	OMNIPOTENT	I Pet. 1:5
LOVE	I Jn. 4:8	IMMUTABLE	James 1-17
ETERNAL LIFE	I Jn. 5:11-13	VERACITY	John 14:6

JEHOVAH = "LORD"

Our world capitalizes on God's love to the exclusion of His righteousness and justice

God's love does not condone living any way you want and cover it with love

God calls sin, sin!

And sin separates us from God!

Our Problem: Sin Separates Us from God



Sin

Sinful
Humanity

Holy
GOD

Eternal
Darkness

Eternal
Life

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SIDE VIEW



How we see sin

TOP VIEW



How God sees sin

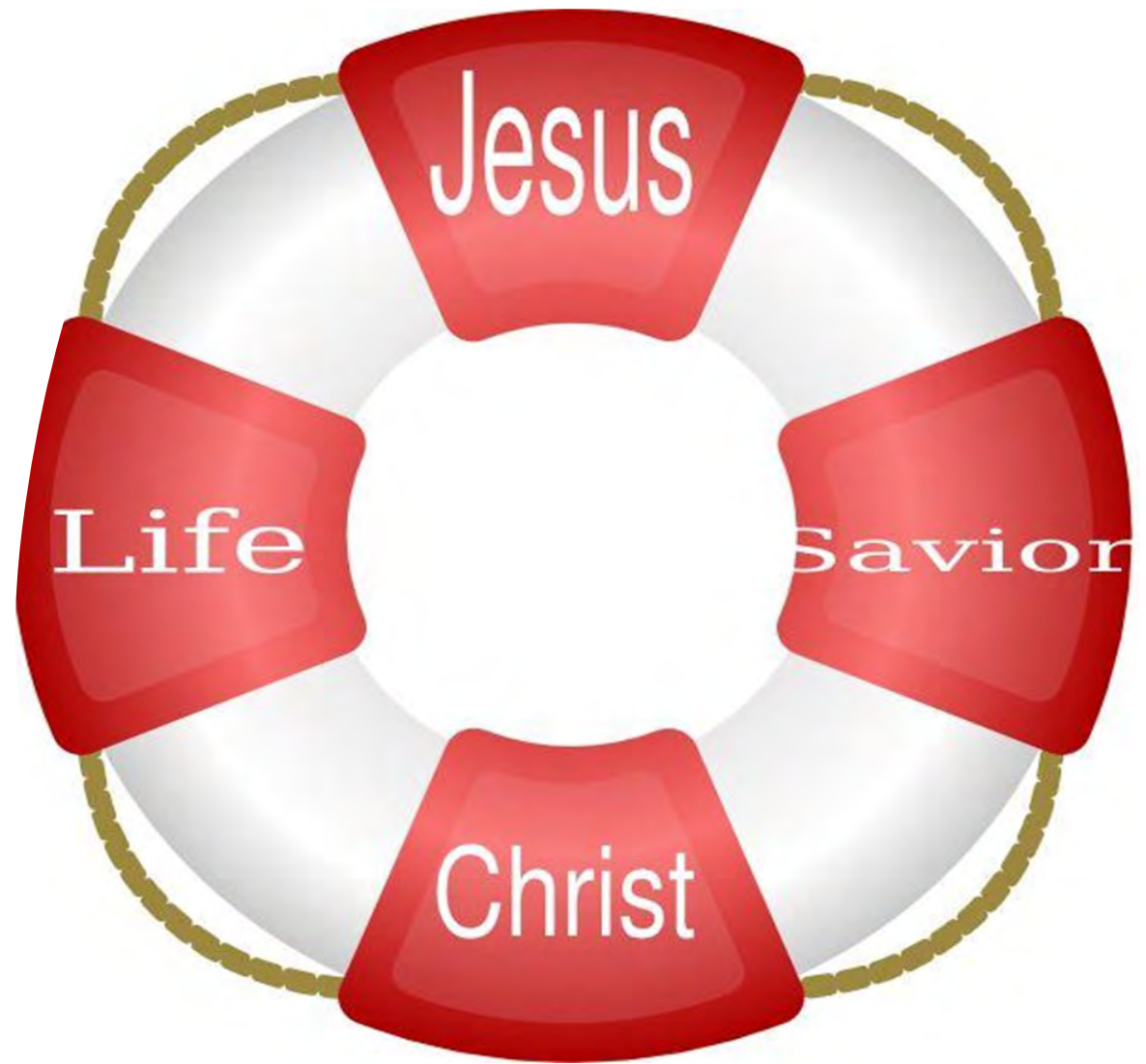
One cannot cover sin with *“God is love”* and
“God, wink at my sin”

HE WON'T!!

Lifestyle choices have eternal consequences!

God has provided a way out for you!

**GRAB HOLD
OF GOD'S
LIFE
PRESERVER!**



CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Does God get angry and wrathful?

YES!

God's anger burns against the destructiveness of sin and rebellion against Him – **Romans 1: 18**

Wrath/Anger – we have all felt this!

It is uncomfortable and unpleasant

We must learn to deal with our anger!



Anger is a
basic human emotional
response experienced
by ALL PEOPLE!



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The Anger of Men

God's Anger



- Precise
- Accomplishes Righteousness

Man's Anger



Chaotic
Destruction
Psalm 37:8

Destroys:

Lives,
Nations,
Friendships
Churches
Families

For the Christian to live in anger/wrath, these are inconsistent with our new nature – [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

Fleshly anger = a characteristic of the flesh is
outbursts of wrath (*thumos*) – **Galatians 5: 20**

Simmering, not dealt with anger (*orge*) can crescendo
into *thumos* anger

We must deal with our anger (*orge*) before our anger
(*thumos*) deals with us – **James 1: 20**

Righteous anger = is directed at the consequences of
sin – **Ephesians 4: 26**

If anger continues and marinates, it is not righteous,
but selfish and bitter – **Hebrews 12: 15**

Freedom from
anger:

To realize
freedom from
anger, we need
the Holy Spirit's
power to help
us!

Identify your
triggers!

- Insults
- Stress and Worries
- Disappointment / Annoyance
- Fears, Resentment, Frustration
- Rejection / Hurt / Embarrassment
- Having possessions taken or broken
- Jealousy
- Being teased or talked about
- Low-Self Esteem
- Grief
- Home Life



Anger is a problem



When it harms you
When it leads to aggression
When it harms People around you
When it disrupts school or relationships
When it is too frequent, intense and lasts long
When it harms effects your overall quality of life
When chronic, explosive anger spirals out of control

Dealing With Anger

Cool off, stay calm.

- Walk away
- Count to 10
- Take deep breaths
- Use calming self-talk: "I can handle this. Chill. It's not as bad as it seems."
- Imagine you are in a peaceful place.

MY TWO CENTS: Take a time out and turn to God

- **Forgiveness** is an essential part of your recovery from anger
- **Recognize** you have been totally forgiven by God
- **Forgive** the debt and let it go
FIDO = forget it and drive on
- **Confess** your anger and unforgiveness to the Lord
- **Seek** to reconcile if possible (not always possible)
- Once forgiveness is given, **NO TAKES BACK, *don't bring it up again!***

Q. What does it look like to forgive someone practically?

Forgiveness means you -

1. Don't seek revenge in any way.
2. Cancel all debts.
3. Don't criticize.
4. Forgive unconditionally.
5. Bless the person. (Blessings - wishing the best in life)

~REMEMBER THE HEART OF JESUS~

*“Father, forgive them
for they know not what they do”*

You have been set **FREE**, so live free from the bondage of unforgiveness and anger!

YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT,

you have the tools

NOW WALK IN WHAT YOU KNOW!!

A photograph showing a person's hands breaking handcuffs. The hands are raised against a bright blue sky with white clouds. The handcuffs are broken, with the metal pieces falling away. The person is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and several brown leather bracelets on their wrists. The text "God Wants You Free" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

God Wants
You Free

FORGIVENESS IS THE JESUS WAY!