"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

These words, the first words Jesus spoke upon the Cross, were not just for the soldiers who nailed Him to the Cross - They were for us, for me and you,

whose sins He was
to bear...

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At the foot of the
Cross stood John,
the only disciple
who had not fled,

and right beside him, Mary, Jesus's mother. Looking down, Jesus said **"Woman, behold your son."** And then to John he said, **"Behold your mother."** Even in His agony, He was thinking about her, and

providing for her
care.

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At the sixth hour the
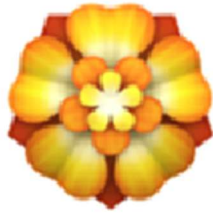sun was darkened,
and darkness was

over all the land;
then Jesus cried out
in a loud voice

**"My God, My God,
why have you
forsaken me?"**
psalm 22

Jesus had taken our
sins, and their
penalty, upon

Himself. At the very end, when His suffering was greatest, His Father took all of our sins, the sins of the whole world, and placed them upon His Son, and turned His face away ...

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I thirst.

It is finished.

Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.