

# “From the Ashes”

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Luke 23:27-37

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ of raising mankind from the ashes.

Luke 2:27-33

**Philippians 2:8** (Emphasis added) – “And being found in appearance as a man, he (Jesus) humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— EVEN death on a cross!”

**Hebrews 9:12ff** (NCV) – “Christ entered the Most Holy Place only once—and for all time. He did not take with him the blood of goats and calves. His sacrifice was his own blood, and by it He set us free from sin forever. . . .<sup>14</sup>How much more is done by the blood of Christ. He offered himself through the eternal Spirit as a perfect sacrifice to God. His blood will make our consciences pure from useless acts so we may serve the living God.”

**Romans 5:8** – “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were yet SINNERS, Christ died for us.”

**The message of the cross is this:** “You have a Heavenly Father who loves you ever so dearly; so much so, He sacrificed His precious only Son on a cross so that you can one day spend all eternity with Him in Heaven.

**2. Mankind's \_\_\_\_\_ to God's method.**

**Luke 23:34b-37** – “The soldiers threw lots to decide who would get his clothes. <sup>35</sup>The people stood there watching. And the leaders made fun of Jesus, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he is God’s Chosen One, the Christ.” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also made fun of him, coming to Jesus and offering him some vinegar. <sup>37</sup>They said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!”

**A. Some are \_\_\_\_\_ toward Jesus.**

**B. Some are \_\_\_\_\_ toward Jesus.**

**Matthew 27:54** – “When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

**C. Some are \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.**