

I am Thirsty
John 19:28-29
March 17, 2024

The Story:

- The Statement
 - Later... (The end is near.)
 - All was completed (& to fulfill scripture)... (Psalm 22:15; 69:21)
 - "I am thirsty."
- The Response
 - Someone opened a jar of wine vinegar...
 - Wine Vinegar = Cheap sour wine
 - Cheap alternative – safer than water.
 - Found a sponge...
 - Put it on a hyssop stalk... (Psalm 51:7; Exodus 12:22; John 1:29)
 - Gave Jesus a drink. (see Mark 15:23)

Significance:

- The full humanity of Christ
 - One of the earliest heresies: Jesus was not fully human.
 - 1 John 1:1-4 – heard, seen, touched
 - Romans 1:3 – Descendent of David
 - Hebrews 2:14-16 – He shared in our humanity
- Man of Sorrows
 - Isaiah 53:3 – Familiar with suffering
 - Hebrews 2:17-18 – He suffered when tempted
 - Hebrews 4:14-15 – Tempted in every way – yet was without sin
- The Paradox of Jesus' Thirst
 - John 4:13-14 – Source of living water
 - Jeremiah 2:13 – Don't forsake the spring of living water
 - Revelation 22:17 – Take the free gift of the water of life!

Key:

- Jesus knows suffering and sorrow.
- Jesus is the source of living water.

Application:

- Jesus is the one who suffered in our place and offers us living water.

The fifth word of the cross: Suffering