

# Lord, Abide With Us - Part 2

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*The sermon explores the profound significance of Jesus' crucifixion, emphasizing prophecy fulfillment, the role of key figures, and the lessons learned from suffering and sacrifice.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 10:37, Matthew 27:35, Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:40, Luke 23:49, John 19:25-27

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the crucifixion of Jesus and the soldiers who took His garments. The soldiers played dice to determine who would get His seamless tunic, which was expensive and fit for a king. They realized they couldn't tear the tunic apart, so they decided to cast lots for it instead. The speaker emphasizes the power of the cross and encourages the audience to cling to Jesus on the cross until the end.

## Transcript

It takes late to learn a Moonshine proceed. So as he told a mocha Johanna is that who was a Session mean I share a little new news. Okay, let me see me long.

I'm a shaman billion and art So from verse 23 the 19th chapter of John Good day Amabu toe SMB tale of Jesu s pampan we Are talking about sake as in zealot is a bailo is in a while a little not a little Boto laba laba Nessa bailo Ney and food Kepa yam be Lightning and I'm to La Lugia, we're long. Okay, who's so good up his? Then the soldiers when they had crucified Jesus took his garments and made four parts to each soldier apart and also the tunic now The tunic was without seam woven from the top in one piece Not okay Akula, ma. Oh, do I a tea? I think I lead a bully Go to a silencer in God Ngouba yaguba Ngeri Gabbani Ogoosegutualseke um palo uti Babel anna is in Gubo's army Benzel anna in carto Ngesambo Ngesamba to Sami Loco a quenza my boo toy They said therefore among themselves Let us tear it.

Let us not tear it, but costs lots for it Whose it shall be that the scripture might be fulfilled which says they divided my garments among them and for my clothing They cost lots. Therefore the soldiers did these things Kepa who Mingus is Pamban. We need to go to you.

So you need a guy in order to walk? Who Maria Cleopatra No, Maria Now they stood by the cross of Jesus his mother and his mother's sister Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene Maria Magdalena Good to chase a born Nina. No, no food. I'm Tandai obey Beaming a corner what he could mean? mommy They

got in don't turn I up Why is it even foodie bigger? Oh, no, who's together with less? Oh, she can't eat unfunded or one year's a walkie verses 26 and 27 When Jesus therefore saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by he said to his mother woman Behold your son then he said to the disciple behold your mother and from that hour the disciple took her to his own home I'm as eager Lily's we limit opening rooting the was a Tinta donkey sobo is it so go? I'm something so Tinta.

I'm a push. I need you as a shoe Now there are so many different points contained in our text that I'm just going to Lightly mention and not delve into it, but perhaps ten different points Why not his song is my figure see me pansy West Obama simple we see say local or when the guy oh MT Let us all find ourselves Below the cross beholding what happens there? As the knee so rings or coolumana's Naso Mishama totally lovely text Mova, I'm tatty little Mateo Get out a little mark get out a little loca get out a good to honey Get out a easy so go as is a mcGaugh Now some of what I might mention is not found exactly in this text But I've looked at Matthew and Mark and Luke putting it together with John and we'll be looking at it as a whole Do you know time to booty? The coolumana months. We are cool.

You know, I'm cosier, too It's a spam, but wait, I'd like to refer to the words spoken by our Lord Jesus on the cross Kota's next card, but we don't have enough time. What are all goonies? Teaching gamma push on we will make passing reference to it whom Tana's oh, I mean We're going to include a Caesar We're good. He'll amass a Pummel a employee in your file got Jesu Christ At all in Tao as it is indeed I Pray that these words Spoken from the lips of a dying Lord.

Jesus would find a place deep in our hearts We told a moose analog and that we would find grace because of it No good he didn't say was a to the fool a Ruba sees way and that our ears would be wide open to hear No, I'm a show a taboo leg over a bone and our eyes open to see Nessie's is your say to The Mugele Locusts who's why and hearts open to receive what we have heard and what we hear Don't move. Ah, sissy. She look what is it? Patsy? What's Pampano? See boo-hoo, I'm a never a chess See boredom seven.

See what a was a cold quarter See boogies see see see come on you see Senegal's legal Jesu Gucci locum a be is a lazy Tina God to Laney was it is your seat as I've said we stand at the foot of the cross. We behold him Crucified we see the blood of Jesus. This needs to take deep root into our hearts What you are no post Odie? What he began to turn to Lugaka? As they say they don't know Jesus Christ All good.

There's a beasley. Nobody's in a bunch. Why not? I'm cool and cool John the Apostle says behold with what love God has called us that we should be called the children of God No good it Tina Simpton them over.

Yeah. Now what? What's eternity and that we love him because he first loved us Love a good lazy Siphon doguti, I'm a boot. Oh I'm a suit is A cool coda We read here in our text that the soldiers led Jesus putting him onto a cross It will go cold go down.

Yes, happy It's also a time for Lekha Lekha At Golgotha meaning in Hebrew the place of the skull Okay, please Go by to baby moon. I'm a new body back to Ella McCandle About I'm a new weapon see For it was an execution place where Jesus was crucified and some say that there were bones of humans lying around I'm too full to mouse who corner a pickle got Who's all born a martyr Who my what will be seized? Who's all born a Nazi can't No moon alien show pay and Also, if you look at the rock structure today, you see as it were a skull as if though it's a skull of a man's head Who should go to Jason? Who must have technical a lack? What you are my boot. Oh, I'm taught a I'm is a conical varicol coda Who lay on down lap

of a moon wake on a bond So these soldiers took Jesus to Golgotha the place where people were to be executed To this rock of this place of the skull But we did try legally.

Oh, okay. Leo. Um, I'm moon to Ezra moon, you are a holo a bantam a knee Bobby's a corner.

It's Pamban. We As a bulawakona Goku for West Pamban Uguba love a bantam a knee. I'm a social for I'm a social be at a tingle Yeah, no moon to all bulawai.

Oh But a pool and learn it in Google's. Ah, okay it wasn't uncommon for people to be crucified and For these soldiers as it says in our text verse 23 that they took his garments and made four parts often There'd be four soldiers and they would play dice over the garments La Pogue, which is this is Pamban way, but Piggy's another one. Oh, yeah Things will talk a look.

Oh, yeah. Take a look. Oh, yeah.

I mean This is all good. One. So Tatyana Gambi Gandhi Bear wing.

Oh Hey, I look a way So get a pencil to go to the fire fancy Now they wanted to break up this garment and they were fighting and arguing Over this garment one wanting to take the top part or the shirt and but they found that it was a seamless tunic Google AI B's a copy in Google your bubanda in Google Yeah, my cozy it was a Tunic that was expensive woven one that will be fitted a king But the butterscotch wing amulet. Ah, I'm a piece of for your honor Allah No, I am new So get a pencil look who's a shy apart even angel, yeah, you're not We are in the masa Uma-Uma and as they beheld the tunic they realized that they would have to tear it and then spoil it So they said no, we cannot tear this thing apart. It had been woven in one single piece Which is given cooling who was a key it says over tail They stripped him when he was a kind Allah Lizzy's in say by baggy Who good he was a pool a lot to be crucified They left him just with the old tunic and they took this this good tunic and they played dice to see who would get it See not here.

How? Oh boy, oh boy Oh, I hold a band Oh, good. I'm a palette fancy all those activities a party all those a Up a little bit. You can gaga game.

Who was that? Yes, who? That is that to see me Not that bad sit down sit in the body name One does ask the question Why should the Holy Spirit? Place such emphasis. He the Holy Spirit who inspired John to record the scripture Why does it spend time on the facts and the nitty-gritty of the tunic? Can't delay to eat the same. Oh, I got cool.

It is normal to me Yes, I believe we need some mushroom ability Nambi Lee If a silly shoe mean I share a don't be Lee Who to a baby Lana? Yes, in Google's arm Ben's a Lana in car to Yes, M bar to Sam It is because the Holy Spirit wanted to emphasize what had been prophesied from of old in Psalm 22 18 where it said and they cast lots over my clothing Yeah, but no, you're gonna let me watch any watch if I pay Google Naming J. Oh Guna quality Segi Ogun a phase a Go back. Um, I'm a sweet a vellum learning. I'm cool.

You see a little food Go No, he Walked on on end up The scripture is inerrant Infallible every dot and every iota is seen to every detail is true Wow, why she won't do London we do go to better But it possibly got again, Bozak Gish on a lay a pumpy Lee the old baby It had been said of old a long time before this that they would Divide they my garments among them these purple garments his clothing. They cost lots for them Okay, good. Yes.

Well a game team a boo-boo to be a piece on a love a bank Love Nellie ammonia funnily O'Neill ammonia delay. I do why oh Hi, I am me So Jesus hanging there on the cross beheld the scene of Argument where they were fighting over which part of the tunic which part of the garment and one would say this is mine This is mine Everything in the Word of God goes into fulfillment There's not one iota that is not going to be fulfilled or Jesu Ophelia Gong-gong Okay, who's a good way to tell you you're clean at Buzo Bungie Buzo Bungie Buzo Bungie Gishin go see What has so good to go so humble hump a good bungee Nangin baila guava John In Jesus all the scriptures are fulfilled they find their fulfillment in him even down to the Details of the garments where he says my garments were divided among them. What was a Julie's wooden? Um, Sam got a gag.

Oh good. Julie. Come on a lot Let's really pose The Bible says heaven and earth will pass away But not one dot or iota of scripture will ever pass away What has a good uncle? Yes, I'm Bartow.

Yes in Google sake. I go Gile Nangin baila Gua face a all come this way Even the details of what Jesus was wearing was fulfilled all of it taking place on the cross I'm coming over. Oh, so I'm Kayla.

I'm eva bow. She can't a quasi-web I got you They can't unlock Him of his this tunic of this garment and they left the crown of thorns on his head pushing the thorns in deeper Ness Pampano eyes Twain Even the cross which he carried wasn't just something that was To thought up and imagined no, I've been pooling Google What a local? but she Even though they did strip him of all his other garments But this particular one they left love Is a twillet Is Pambano? Is a foggy? I'm Kayla. I'm eva But I'm shy a footy.

I can't Google I'm eva again We are the analogy a lucky old moon No more moody. Oh Yes, Abba Alistair B drink Drink a fuck as Jesus was carrying the cross to Calvary They beaten they whipped him pushing these thorns and even deeper far worse than any needle Can create pain these thorns were pressed into him and it's sharp a Cup. Hi.

No, no, no, no. No, no, no. No, no my sons in Sharpened by God there in the wilderness Love all the wood trees a twillet Pamban Semi-automatic Leon down Yes, I called Kota So as Jesus was carrying the cross and they approached Golgotha What come on to? What come on an apple a person came? crossing his path Oh moon to obey Kamala.

Yeah, I don't know Africa a Libya a Person who came from the northernmost part of Africa from near from Libya? Gagasi should go to bed food. Don't go back. What one has a libya Bacon about Judah Nettie Lopana a belt whale a batuta God Was a little Africa walk a little a Africa don't know about Nami Give Africa I'm the little Angapesh a Not a little one and So there was a community of Jews there in northern Africa and he was born in Africa Now I am too an African I'm born here in Africa as well No, Maggie It trouble.

I'm lindsay Even though my skin may be like a funner. Nipa. My essential sock.

Well, I'm a tea-ass full of a loop Alright, I'm on our phone movies. I'm just like a zombie lingo, but I was bogey. What is in Johnny as funny? The next Kumbhasa Our Kumuli cutters are born in a punch going out.

That is boogie. Boogie Usual a one more new moon. Don't yamana pants But God how God told me me not a watch later.

I'm Zimbabwe. Okay. Yeah, I'm a jenny.

Pam. I happen Jenny solely no long. Yeah.

Oh, no God has made us to be exactly the same and You'll find that he has made our features to be Exactly the same in all its detail All my family I get called God not good. Come on What's a free car What's a leap? Yeah He come a lucky Limu Simone What's a Korean and as Jesus was dragging this cross? Here came this man from Africa from Libya named Simon of Cyrene Land or Diana Mato Tana Mambi Hello England a Ottawa. Yeah.

Oh, Alexandra He had two sons one being Alexander Jingle jingle to John a loamy as my camping garden about to Alex Alexandra In No, man, I'm calm, but would he Alexandra always be what he Rufus and so It is said that he the Simon of Cyrene had two sons Alexander and Rufus Yes, I can guess in his finest German Rufus I've I knew by busy but come in. I have a good chance Now some Gandhi Bear my daughter and I'm a bead you can see me Some call their dogs Rufus, but these were the two sons these names Alexander and Rufus the two sons of Simon mind your pussy Oh my come on Linda yes, Africa by Bamba But what we were 20s Pambano Salomon way naba Walla, they're not Andy and as this man crossed paths with the scene, they forced him to carry the cross they Intimidated him. He didn't want to and he refused.

Oh, man was a bum party But was a yena Yes, Pambano now, why did they forcibly make him carry the cross then? If I feel at least jealous, is that the Bible doesn't give us a reason what does he not cover? He's sick of a disease in Dharma, but we can look into it and ponder upon it Good to our good Jesu Wow apart As in wise Pamban Was a bum Tata Simony, but him to a lady's Pamban Since Jesus was collapsing under the weight of the cross They took the nearest person who happened to be Simon and they said you bear it for him Oh, Jesus. Oops. Oh, God.

I like Nangos who lies all oh And you know got it to you to lose like a sex and you're not told searcy Panty I don't sell a party was a comic in gelosis. Oh, really? Young sees Think of a Jesus hadn't slept at all He had in the previous night yesterday he had sweated sweat drops as of blood as he pleaded with God and as he was there and Sweating in the garden. Oh, she'll go to Jisoo.

Oh because a Jesus was exhausted Whom she got she got wrong. Oh, what's to pick up? Okay? He said I think it's a gets a money Not so cool It means what I'm like a fuss pump up a lot Pump you got a road And I'll be poop. What it will burn a lot of the mess The suffering and his passion there in the garden of Gethsemane then being hauled before Caiaphas and the other hype the high priest and these These religious leaders then before Pilate then before Herod not a moment's chance to rest I'm shy.

Yeah, they beat him Mom, but I'll be Mistreated him. I'm far from Kayla. Whomever put that crown of thorns on one place.

I miss Pamban made him carry the cross Um, Lando, ooh Um Lando, I'm a Christ and it is said in Christian history that Pipeline No busy day me as Palo Angan, I'm guessing number for which is What? That's not written in Scripture, but as we are told in history Who told you slap it? Well, it's Pamban. What figure that way katana Kona? What do we got? Oh, don't get it. Oh beat a lot The corner busy Nani what we got on a benzene young What to tell a wife? a bone and low moon to I'm Sondhi you English in here.

What pool puma? I'm a much of a pool. No, I'm a wallah one lots of parts and Legend has it that Jesus as he suffered in this load of this heavy cross He as he was going through these narrow streets Lend for some time to come awhile He leaned against a wall and it happened to be of a rich Jew came out furiously

anywhere in zone No, I'm Sondhi this man Was a Nazarene who hated this Nazarene Who should booty in course you be cut a so I was a part is Pamban was a piece of walking Was totally what come over Simone? But a winner was on toilet watching again what he said he was on toilet is Pambano and so as Jesus was collapsed under the weight of the cross They saw this man who happened to walk by and they said you man come here and help carry the boy Is there a lot of my daughter? I'm a B to Alexander No, Rufus this father of Alexander and Rufus Mind your goods a bucket. Hey, you see more numbers.

Oh, I mean Gus is that to see the garden? Ah, but back to my question. Why did they choose this Simon of Africa? I pipe a little to my log. The Bible is silent about it as a student No moving a call No, but we'll be able to open so Bonnie Quota I'm Gabba's a key.

Oh good. Why then? Why miss you? Oh What a Table a lollipop a limp is a look is Ogufa Abula way We're unsure of the specifics about him but we do know that whether he was a disciple or just a person who happened to be close by but he was not of that crowd which Hated Jesus with a bitter hatred and anger good to all the villains and to me Naki and Legend has it that he had come from his God Sassy gem sound be where's one on scene do a Jerusalem, ah, no, Baba Lalanca I Don't she got she got But I have a tailway. I got a tailway.

Um, see Who men say I'm sound? Simone what you can say what a I'm poor Megalo music I'm here. They and see me Nipa moley I'm done tab on a lintel. I buy inside It could be that the noise and the strife and the violence of the night was so Tedious to him and he was so upset by it that he thought he'd just go into this Garden or this field and rest there and escape Who must have it? I got to Alice upon Pambanaka Tandanka buzzer bum pork and He had perhaps come down from there and then when he was told you carry the cross He didn't want to so he was forced Um We are shooting Who's the moon What pendulum? Whopper or moon you have a foodie, but I just love a foodie when Koso Koto In Grisham, I'm a doctor.

Nah. Okay. Oh my me Yes, one hour.

It is the maintain Alicia Um, oh food Oh goody Back on Alexandro Oh, but see we're a virgin Back on our roof Or was why you Go call. Oh, okay and We hear that in some of the history spoken about that period of time that this same Simon Became a disciple and that is two sons Alexander and Rufus they are the ones mentioned in the New Testament as Disciples, that's not what fathers. I believe Who could him bail up? I'm a total.

Okay. Oh my beauty God Queen What I'm gonna be like what you want you was immune Koton Kulungulu what was immune baby? Alexandra Was immune obey? Is a car roof? Or mother's fully testament Alicia sissy, but hola bang about foodie but a priest to Make auto and cosine Now we're not exactly sure from Scripture, but it is said that he was a became a disciple and The Lord decided to record that his two sons, although it's not specified here But that these two sons were honest upright disciples of the Lord We've got no big biblical Biblical proof that they were his sons, but it's interesting that God mentions their names Why what for and afterwards We read of them being men of caliber and Members of the Church of the Living Christ Who should go to more anywhere the way a time to go to act is a little goatee. I'm a total I'm a beady.

I've been time that would Jesu. I've a I'm a daughter. Oh God Manji Oh Guru guru, I'm boosie.

So Simone Walked while he's pom-pom There was why do I boost is a machine gun? It's not his own Billy no good trial. I've got Simone. It's pom-pom What was he second in God? There was blessing for Simon in

carrying the cross even for his two sons I You child of God take courage when you are under trial and when things are difficult and heavy when you say this cross is just too burdensome for me remember that you will be blessed and others will be blessed even your sons through your identifying with the cross.

So there are the blessings of the cross and you can be a curse to your children or you can be a blessing if you've identified with the cross the Lord can bless your offspring if you disassociate from it you'll find the opposite you might be complaining oh my rebellious children how terrible my children have turned out to be and this one has fallen pregnant and this has happened start at home examine yourself see how you stand regarding the cross it is with reference to the cross that you influence your offspring and God will expose whether you are hypocritical with regards to the cross or whether you are truly genuine regarding the cross of Jesus and it will become evident. But let's pass on from that point it says that there was a crowd of women following Jesus. We rejoice not every person condemned him there were the few who identified with him and walked with him.

Some of them these women were deeply moved to the point that they wept bitter tears as they saw the Son of God being persecuted suffering in this manner. And then Jesus turning to this crowd of women said women of don't cry for me cry rather for yourselves and your children. In that we understand that our sympathy with Jesus even if it moves us to tears that does not bring salvation to you.

You may be moved to tears but it doesn't mean a thing to you and to the one on high. So he turns their attention away from him and his suffering and says don't sympathize with me and cry regarding me and my wounds and my suffering. Cry for yourselves and your children.

Tears of sympathy do not touch God and they will not save you. So the Lord is saying don't cry for him cry for yourself weep for yourself and your offspring. tears of pity for Jesus will not save you even if you move to many tears through seeing the film on the passion of Christ that has no saving grace you need to be truly rent and weep for yourself and your children.

The different types of tears. Some cry because they are sorry for themselves. Some cry because they get caught.

Their sin finds them out. Some cry because they cornered because what they've done gets revealed and then they are very sorry for themselves understand this very clearly this truth that tears of pity for Jesus have no saving power for he says weep for yourselves have you experienced true sorrow true godly sorrow where you do weep for yourself and you see your sinfulness where you confess your sins and turn from them. Have you ever wept wept tears where you've seen your children and you've cried before God because you see that they are rebellious they have not turned to the Lord.

Women of Jerusalem don't cry for me cry rather for yourselves and for your offspring and he said bless the time will come when they'll say blessed is the womb that has not given birth and the one that is not suckled. For the time will come when you'll call upon the hills and mountains to cover you to fall upon you to hide you from the face of him who carried your sins and the sins of your children on the cross and Jesus said if they do this to a green tree or green branch what would they do to a dry one. Jesus totally undefiled holy pure absolutely holy without sin the Son of God that's green wood perfect in God's sight spotless.

So he was saying if I suffer as one who's undefiled as the green branch one who's totally innocent before God how much more so you as a dry branch with your sins and rebelliousness and you're continuing stubbornly in your sins if there is one here who refuses to repent who sits in their sins then I say to you

that you are that dry branch headed for the fires of hell. If you know that in yourself you are lifeless it's just dead wood dried up then you are ready for hell. You are so discerning about the sins of other people and it is so clear to them to you what they have done but about your own sins you don't cry.

That is why Jesus said weep for yourselves and for your children for the wrath of God will come upon you if you continue in this condition. If there is a person in the world who does not repent of their sins then I say to you that you are that dry branch headed for the fires of hell. When they put Jesus, crucified Him on the cross at Golgotha.

They took two murderous criminals and crucified them on either side of Jesus. They were known sinners. Their reputation was widely known.

They were infamous. So they took one of those criminals and crucified him on the one side and on the other side of Jesus. In doing so they exclaimed, He is the greatest sinner of them all.

So their focus on Jesus in the middle was to emphasize that this is the real sinner. This is the truly wicked person. So their focus on Jesus in the middle was to emphasize that this is the real sinner.

This is the truly wicked person. how right they were. Indeed, Jesus was more wicked than both of them.

How so? Because he was carrying your wickedness. For your sins, your wickedness, and the sins of the whole world were placed upon Jesus. These two criminals on either side were suffering because of their own sin.

That's why these two criminals were not a patch. With him he was much worse than they all because he took your sin and your children's sins. He carried them.

Carrying the sins of the world. And in such a painful way, they hung him on the cross there hanging between heaven and earth. And in carrying your sins and the sins of the world, heaven and God the Father turned their back on him.

They looked away. And they, so to say, spat and despised him. Heaven spewed him out because of your and my sin.

Have you ever realized it? Has it dawned upon you that heaven spat him out? God rejected him while he was carrying your depravity, your wickedness and defilement. Heaven rejected him. God the Father rejected him to such a point that Jesus said, my God, my God, why have you left me? But you wink at your own wickedness.

You turn a blind eye and you say, oh, this sin isn't of such importance, this which I'm doing. Isn't it just normal? God totally rejected him. Cast him out because he was carrying your sins, the white people's sins, every sin of every nation.

He was cursed. He was cursed for cursed is the one crucified on the tree. Even the world.

Even the world. He was a total outcast, rejected by men, rejected by heaven. All your sins of promiscuity, all the lust, all the wickedness was upon him.

The earth, the world cried out, crucify him, away with him. And God too said, away with him, And you can still cry crocodile tears about your sins, where you show a little bit of feeling sorry, but then you turn

straight back to your filth again. Oh, if only that you would see it and realize.

world and loves the world. And it doesn't matter anything to you. You can sleep at night and you don't know that Jesus was cursed on the cross.

Because of that, you treat it lightly. You will burn with your children in hell. And if you burn there, don't say I didn't tell you.

I don't know. But you aren't concerned about it? And the death of Jesus really doesn't mean anything to you. It contains no real repentance for you.

You just carry on in your old life. That is why you are dry wood ready for hell. That you can see Jesus on the cross and you are untouched and unmoved in the sense that you don't totally change.

There is no real repentance. You see him who was cursed, rejected by heaven, rejected by men. No wonder that he says cry for yourself and for your children.

No wonder that he says cry for yourself and for your children. Your sin of promiscuity. Though you are a married man, you have eyes for other women.

And you live in your own lusts. Whoever you are, if you continue like that without true repentance, seeing that Jesus carried your sins there on the cross, it was your sins that drove him to the cross. Without true repentance, you are on your way to hell.

You will bear the curse. But in closing, let me just mention another point. Though he bore the curse on the cross, hanging there, rejected, as the Lamb of God, he was the sin bearer, rejected by heaven, rejected by men.

Though he hung there as the cursed one, bearing our sins, he took the time to take note of his mother, whose heart was broken as she was there weeping. She who remembered how Simeon, when Jesus was just a baby, took him into his arms and said regarding Mary, this is said for you that there will be a sword that will pierce your soul as you agonize because of him when he carries the sins of the world. He said woman, behold your son.

And then saying to John, he said son, behold your mother. Mary was one who knew sorrow already. Her husband had passed away and we don't know how many years it was already.

It was a long time. Because Joseph's name isn't even mentioned anymore. We don't know how old Jesus was when his father, when Joseph died, but Jesus did not raise him from the dead.

Why? Because Mary was one who knew sorrow already. Her husband had passed away and we don't know how many years it was already. That is why Jesus said to this woman, Mary, who was now deserted, not having a husband to lean upon, who needed to be strengthened by a son, and that is why she was spoken to and addressed directly by the Lord.

The Lord who said, obey your parents, honor them so that your days would be long on earth. He didn't just say those words and know the words regarding other people. He kept them himself.

Even though he was in the greatest of agonies, though he was gripped by hell itself because of our sin, nevertheless, he took note of her. Saying, John, there is your mother. Woman, there is your son.

And from that moment on, he was like a son to her. There were other sons, but they didn't believe in Jesus. He had brothers and sisters, but the brothers didn't believe in him.

His mother stood alone. She was completely alone. The Lord said to her, Mary, who was now deserted, not having a husband to lean upon, who needed to be strengthened by a son, and that is why she was spoken to and addressed directly by the Lord.

That is why I was saying earlier on in the service that he stood alone, but he who stood alone saw his mother who stood alone, and he said, woman, behold your son, and to John, behold your mother. And from that time on, John took her into his home. He didn't say, woman, continue with your unbelieving sons, but he said, go and stay with the one who was the one leaning on my bosom, the one who found rest on me.

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He said, woman, continue with your unbelieving sons, but he said, go and stay with the one who found rest on me. But he said, woman, here is your son. And we are told in history, and excuse me if I've used different details of things that have been said, history says that he took her and received her as his own, and stayed with her for 15 years until she died and he was born.

If that is true, he must have had a heart that was aflame for God. He was one of the disciples. Jesus has said, go into all the world.

But he had said, you look after your mother. And he did it until she died. And only then he carried on being a true disciple and he outlived all of them.

He grew older than all of them because he was faithful to the Lord's command. I wonder whether you are faithful to the commands of Jesus Christ. Maybe you as a child, you spurn your parents, you've turned your back on them, you neglect them.

You will not find blessing and lengthening of days on earth. Maybe it's true, maybe it isn't true. But one thing we know, he immediately took Mary to be his mother and he cared for them.

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I would hope that the cross has become dearer to you, that Jesus on the cross has become more precious to you and that you will cling to him right to the end. Shall we pray? Close our eyes and pray. Lord, your word says that to the perishing the word of the cross is foolishness.

But to us it is the power of God. And Lord, we ask that by your Holy Spirit, you would make this message of the cross to be the power of true salvation to us. And Lord Jesus, we ask that your grace would be with us all, even when we are asleep, that you continue to speak to us.

And the love of the Father, continue to deal with us and operate in us. That we truly love you as you first loved us. And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us till the last moment, till the trumpet of God shall sound in heaven.

Amen.

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