

BEHOLD YOUR SON BELONGING

MARCH 15 ♦ *John 19:17-27*

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. Why is crucifixion such a comprehensively cruel, but effective, form of punishment for the Romans (effective in the sense that it deals with the presenting problem and sends a clear message to those who live under Roman rule)?
2. How do you think Jesus felt as He hung on the cross? How would you feel?
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-2 (looking especially at verse 2). How do you balance your previous answer, with the reality of this passage?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. What is Jesus demonstrating in His attention to Mary and “the disciple whom He loved?”
2. Read Mark 10:29-30. Can you see any similarities or parallels between what Jesus says in Mark, and what Jesus says to his mother and the disciple in John 19?
3. Why should Jesus's attention to Mary and “the disciple whom He loved” bring us a sense of encouragement?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

1. Heavenly Father, help us not to miss the reality of the incarnation and the crucifixion; that Jesus left His throne in heaven to come to earth and engage with people who have lost their sense of belonging.
2. Help us to marvel at your attention to even our most basic human needs.
3. Enlarge our hearts to welcome others in to our family of faith.