

Scripture: The Law of God (Ex. 20) & Luke 23:1-39
Singing: 400: 1, 3, 5 – 335:1 – 446:1, 2, 4 – 254:4, 5 – 83

Jesus' Petition for Pardon

I. Preaches about our sin II. Preaches our great hope

I. Jesus' petition for pardon preaches about our sin

A. How amazing is this petition: *Father, forgive them ...!*

1. Consider the setting: vs. 32-38

2. Consider the amazing revelation: 34a
 - a. in what He did *not* pray

 - b. in what He did pray

 - c. in Whom He asked

B. How gently He framed His petition: ***for they know not what they do!***

1. What did they 'not know?'
 - a. they did know they sinned (Acts 2:22-23; 3:14)

 - b. they did not know *how evil* the sin was they did (Acts 13:27; 3:15 1 Cor. 2:8)
 - sins of ignorance are still sins (Lev. 5:17; Eph. 2:3)

3. Our greatest sins are not against the law but against the Gospel: John 3:36

II. Jesus' petition preaches the hope for sinners

A. It preaches there is *forgiveness* with God

1. No truth *more beautiful* for those pierced & pained with sense of sin

2. Jesus did not ask His Father to ignore their sins

3. Jesus prayer for to forgive implies a heart-melting request

4. Eternity will show *how Jesus' prayer was answered*

Close: What about you? Are you forgiven?

A. If you enjoy the gift of forgiveness, then you know something of sting of sin!

B. If you miss comfort of forgiveness, know there is forgiveness with God!

C. If you meet God without forgiveness, then all hope ends forever!