

# **“I THIRST”**

## **John 19:28**

**Even in agony Christ acted responsibly!**

### **I. CHRIST’S CONCERN > Prophecy** - “To fulfill the Scripture”

#### **A. FAITHFULNESS**

1. Even though forsaken by God (Matt. 27:46) He did not quit on God.
2. Jesus did not forget God’s Word

#### **B. MINDFULNESS**

1. Though in turmoil, He is fully conscious and aware
2. His mind is still clear and His memory unimpaired therefore He is able to quickly review all that was predicted about Him ...
3. He knows that all things are now accomplished
  - a. All Old Testament prophecies ... All twenty-two of them
  - b. Except one .....!

#### **C. INTEGRITY**

1. Our Lord is concerned about the integrity of God’s Word
2. God’s Word should come true > It is necessary that Scripture be fulfilled
  - a. There must be 100% compliance
  - b. God and His reputation are at stake if His word is unreliable
  - c. Twenty-five times we read in the gospels “that it might be fulfilled”
3. Christ speaks so that Scripture can be fulfilled - See Psalm 69:19-21

### **II. CHRIST’S CONDITION > Agony**

#### **A. THE IRONY**

1. The One who turned water into wine (John 2:8-11) is thirsting!
2. The One who offered living water (John 4:10) is dying without water!
3. The One who walked water (Mt.14:25-26) is withering without it!
4. The One who calmed the sea (Mark 4:35-41) has unquenched thirst!
5. The One who told of a tormented man in Hades seeking a drop of water (Luke 16:24), is on a cross and telling of tremendous thirst.

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**B. THE HUMANITY**

1. Jesus experienced physical sensations
2. And here Jesus is thirsting

**C. THE PHYSICAL ABUSE**

1. Struck on the face (Lk.22:63-64)
2. Crowned with thorns
3. Beaten with sticks (Mk.15:17-19)
4. Scourged > Beaten with a cat of nine tails with thirty-nine lashes
5. Carried the rough patibulum (cross beam) strapped to His shoulders
6. Pierced in His hands and feet and held by nails to the cross.

**D. THE DEHYDRATION**

1. Dehydrated things are ugly - Isaiah 53:2
2. Completely devastated with dehydration - See Psalm 22:14-15
  - a. Poured out like water
  - b. Bones out of joint
  - c. Heart like wax that is melting
  - d. Strength dried up like a potsherd (15)
  - e. Tongue clinging to the jaw
  - f. Brought to the dust of death
3. Our Lord is profoundly helpless to the point of being limp, wasted and spent

**E. THE STAMINA**

1. Christ never fainted or loss consciousness
2. His mental acumen and alertness were coupled with great physical endurance
3. Our Lord participated fully in our human suffering - Hebrews 2:17-18
4. Though miracles could have been done, Jesus did nothing to alleviate His suffering or bring comfort to Himself.

**CONCLUSION:****Are you thirsty?**

1. Unsatisfied with whatever is supposed to bring you pleasure?
2. Caught up in a performance-based religion without any real sense of righteousness?

**Jesus experienced thirst so that you can experience freedom - John 4:14**

**Come to Jesus and drink! - John 7:37-38**