

## **Sermon Notes**

### ***Insights from Luke***

#98 – “Forgiveness in the Face of Incredible Evil” – Luke 23:32-38

#### I. Introduction

- A. Presidential pardons
- B. The only One who can pardon sins.
- C. Today’s Text: Luke 23:32-38

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 23:32-33

- 1. Jesus counted as a criminal – Isaiah 53:12
- 2. “Crucified Him”
- 3. “The Skull”
- 4. The act of crucifixion

##### B. Luke 23:36-37

- 1. Death brings a crowd.
- 2. Mocking
  - a. Psalm 22:6-8; Isaiah 53:3
- 3. Sour wine – Psalm 69:21

##### C. Luke 23:38

- 1. Even in death Luke insures we know Jesus’ identity.
- 2. The story behind the sign
  - a. John 19:21

##### D. Luke 23:34

- 1. First of the seven sayings uttered from the cross.
- 2. Was the prayer for only those present or everyone?
  - a. Acts 3:17; I Cor. 2:8
- 3. Casting lots for his clothing – Psalm 22:18

#### III. Points for Reflection

##### A. God’s wrath on the unrepentant sinner is absolute.

- 1. Isaiah 53:3-6

##### B. The royal pardon is just as absolute as God’s wrath.

##### C. The gift of forgiveness compels us to forgive others.

- 1. Matt. 5:44; Romans 12:18; Col. 3:12-13; Acts 7:58-60