**“Behold...Your Jesus!”**

John 19:23-27

Discussion Questions

1) Why do you think John quotes Psalm 22 here in this account (vs. 24)? How does this help us

 better understand what is happening? How might it help us in our daily walk of faith? NB: You might want to consider these same questions for the events described in verses 17-22.

2) John mentions four women near the cross at the time of Christ’s crucifixion (vs. 25). Any thoughts on why these women were there while only one of Christ’s 12 closest disciples was present? What significance is there to the presence of women at the death of Jesus (check Matt. 27:55)? How does this inform / encourage your faith (if at all)?

3) Why do you imagine Mary Magdalene would have wanted to be near Jesus at this point (consider

 what we know of her story (Luke 8:2, Mark 16:9))? Spend some time considering/sharing what Jesus has done for you (i.e. what might have prompted you to be near the cross had you been present at Jesus’ crucifixion).

4) Why does Jesus address His mother Mary as “Woman” (vs. 26)? What is He trying to communicate to her and why? How is this similar / different from another occasion Jesus addresses His mother in this way (at the wedding at Cana – John 2:1-11)?

5) Reflect on what Mary must have been experiencing as she watched Jesus dying. Many consider this a fulfillment of Simeon’s prophecy (Luke 2:33-35). As such, does this challenge or encourage your faith in any way? Explain.

6) Why does Jesus “give” his mother to John (the disciple Jesus loved) and vice verse (vs. 26-27)? How are they each Christ’s gift to the other? Who might you consider to be Christ’s “gift” to you? How might you be Christ’s “gift” to someone else?

7) What has God taught you through this text? What will you do differently because of it?