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[0:00] As the Lord may be pleased to help me, this evening I would direct your minds to the Gospel of John, chapter 19, and reading in the way of a text, the last clause in verse 26.

Woman, behold thy Son. The Gospel of John, chapter 19, we will read the verse 26.

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother.

Woman, behold thy Son. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. We are drawing near the sacred ground.

The sacred ground. The sacred ground. To the place where Jesus, the beloved Son of Almighty God.

[1:40] God. That dear man who was sent by the Father as a servant, sent unto this lower world to be the redeemer of all whom the Father had chosen and loved.

A mystery. A mystery. A great mystery. How little do we understand the greatness of this God and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Three in one. Three in one. One in three. Full of wisdom. Full of grace. Full of mercy. Full of love.

Full of love. Full of love. Jesus. Born into this world by a woman.

We have the two in our text. Woman. Mary. The mother of Jesus.

[3:16] She was his real mother. She gave birth to that babe at Bethlehem.

Great is the mystery of it. The love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The love of the Lord Jesus Christ as he was hanging upon that cross at Calvary.

Oh may the Lord help us to enter into it a little. There seems and we know there is a great depth in this.

And at times I fear to approach Calvary in the garden of Gethsemane. Yet I believe it is to be breached. It is not to be forgotten.

[4:38] In respect of his supper. In respect of his supper. Do this in remembrance of me. So we desire this evening by the help of the Holy Spirit to enter a little.

Into the feelings. The love. Of this dear man. Jesus Christ. And first I would notice. Though he was in pain.

In grief. In his own body. And in heart. And in soul. Yet.

His love flowed toward his mother. His mother. As I said. He was in much pain.

And yet that love. Seemed as it were overflow. All his pain. And his grief.

[5:45] His love went to his mother. He knew that she was a poor woman. He got nothing to leave.

Nothing as it were to provide for his mother. The foxes have holes. The birds of the hare have nests.

But the son of man. Hath not where to lay his head. Oh the love dear friends. That must have flowed.

As it were. From his heart. On to his mother. When in that great pain. And grief. Of soul.

I would just notice this. In passing. He knew what. The pain and grief.

[6:45] The pain and grief. Was in her heart. In Mary's heart. In Mary's heart. He did not say. On this occasion. As she stood.

Before the cross. Mother. He said. Woman. I believe. We know a little. If he had said. Mother. It would have been. Very keen.

It would have been. It would have been. Very keen. It would have entered. Into her. Sorrowful heart. As she saw. Her dear son. Suffering there.

So. Out of his wisdom. And his love. To water. He said. Woman. Behold. Thy son. So. Out of his wisdom. And his love.

Toward her. He said. Woman. Behold. Thy son. And so. Deep. Was the love.

- [8:36] Also. In. Me. And. So. But. He. Look. To. John. And.

We. Understand. That. John. The. Disciple. Took. That. Dear. Woman. The.

Mother. Of. The. Who. And. And. Provided. For. I. Made. These.

Remarks. To. To his own mother. And I think we can read our text this evening.

Woman. Why, what does it speak? The church of God. The church of God. Or in other words, woman.

[9:38] Behold thy son. Can I say, will you be offended? If I should say, sinner. Behold thy savior.Thy redeemer. But just for a few moments before we pass on. So Mary and Mary's sister and Mary Magdalene.

As well as others stood beholding this wonderful scene. Blessed scene.

And yet, oh how sorrow. I believe if we could view it rightly. There would be a mingled feeling.

Of sorrow and of joy. Sorrow to see one there suffering. Who had never committed a sin.

[10:44] And yet joy. If we could see. Our sins.

Upon that dear man. Jesus. A mingled feeling. Of sorrow. And of joy.

And no doubt there was many. Experiencing. Those two. Grief. Sorrow.

And yet. There was a little gladness. And joy. Woman. Behold. Thy son.

And we understand. That this crucifixion. Took. Was taken. Or rather. Jesus was crucified.

[11:38] On the road. To. To. Jerusalem. So many.

Saw him. And though there was many. That passed that way. But did not behold him.

As God. The son of God. There was those who. Had blasphemed his holy name. There was those who said.

Away with him. Crucify him. But there were a few. As we have led. Who believed in him. Who loved him.

And who desired to witness. That solemn scene. Woman. Behold. Thy son.

- [12:41] For a few moments. Calvary. The place of skull. No doubt.
 Many. Had been. Put to death. Perhaps on that very spot. Previously. Some.
 Possibly. Later date. Whether many or few. Every one. That went. To that cross.
 To be. Put to death. Were sinners. Sinners. But this dear man.
 Jesus. He went to that. Place. Sinless. No sin.
- [13:36] No sin. Not even a sinful thought. Not a sinful thought. To those soldiers.

Who led him. No sinful thought. To those who condemned him. He was sinless.

The only man. Ever. Born into this world. Sinless. The only man. Went to Calvary.

Without a sin. Of his own. And yet we can say. That this dear man. The son of God. Carried.

Endured. Endured. Bore. More sins. Than either the others. Upon his shoulders.

[14:38] In his heart. Upon his spirit. He carried. The sins. And bore the sins.

Of every. Individual. Child. Whom. The father. Had placed. In his hands. To the day. As love.

Dear friends. As we heard a little of. This afternoon. As love. We should never get. To the height. The breadth. The length.

Of the love. Of the Lord. Jesus Christ. Who came. Who came. In love. Lived in love.

Suffered in love. Priest his gospel. In love. Looked upon poor. Sinners in love. Walked his pilgrimage. In love.

[15:37] Went to the garden. In love. Drunk of the cup. Of wrath. Due to you and I. In love.

Right to the very. Dregs of it. Yes. This dear man. Spoke in love. He prayed in love. He walked in love.

He entered. Calvary. In love. He suffered in love. He gave his life in love.

He rose again in love. He is now in heaven. In love. Loved. Loving his people.

Every son. Every daughter. Every child. That belonged to the Father. Jesus. And the Holy Spirit.

[16:35] He suffered. I have already said. This evening. Oh the depth of it. We shall never get. To the depth. No.

Woman. Behold. Thy son. Oh what sacred ground. He was standing upon.

What sacred ground. He suffered upon. And in his own soul. Woman.

Behold. Thy son. Have we dear friends. Ever had. A little. View. Of Jesus.

Not by the natural eye. Of course. These things. Took place. Long before. We entered. This world.

[17:34] But. I believe. The Lord's people. Are given faith. A little faith. And we. Are. Exalted.

As it were. To pray. For. This faith. Let us. Run. In the race.

That is set. Before us. Looking unto Jesus. Who is the author. And finisher. Of our faith. Some people.

Say. Well. I have never had. A faith. View. Of Jesus. But is there. A desire. A deep desire. A prayerful desire.

In our hearts. Lord. Give us faith. Faith. To believe. Faith. To be old. Is to be seen.

[18:30] Dear friends. By faith. Calvary. Oh. It still stands out. And it will do. For eternity.

A man. A real man. With wounds. Still gaping wide. In heaven. In heaven above. Some of you.

Have lost. Dear and dear ones. You have every hope. That they are there. In heaven. They are viewing. That dear man.

That we are trying. To speak of. This evening. A man. A real man. With wounds. Still gaping wide.

He is to be seen. By faith. Oh. That we might be able. To earnestly. Plead. With the Holy Spirit. To lead us.

[19:30] To Calvary. I believe. I had one. A little view. Never lasted. Many moments.

Seconds. But dear friends. It was a view. Of Calvary. A little view. Of Jesus. This one.

In our text. Hanging. In. Upon. That. A tree. If you have it. I'll tell you what it will do.

It will do this. It will crumble you to the dust. It will bring you. Down. And down. As low.

As you could stoop. Up. And your heart. Heart. Will be broken to pieces. And the love. Of God. Felt. Within your soul.

[20:30] Woman. Behold. Thy son. Just a few words.

Respecting. His suffering. We've often. Read. Of the sufferings. Of Christ. He was.

Taken. By. Those soldiers. To Calvary. He would have gone there.

Without soldiers. Because it was appointed. From all eternity. That Jesus should come.

As we are this afternoon. To fulfill the law. And make a way. For the Lord's people. To enter. Heaven. The sufferings.

[21:32] Of the Lord Jesus. Yes. On that. Accursed tree. They literally.

Nailed him. To the cross. How was it done? It is being spoken of.

As the cross. Laid. Upon the ground. And Jesus. Laid. There. And those.

Awful nails. Pierced. Through. His. Hands. One. No. Both. To those.

Sacred feet. Of his. That walked. In the paths. Of righteousness. Moved. For the benefit. Of his.

[22:36] People. Think of it. Nailed. To that. Accursed tree. No doubt.

Lifted. And. Put in. Do. The socket. Prepared. For the cross. I believe.

We read. In the. Psalm. 22. That every. Bone. Every joint. Was out of place.

Oh. Think of it. As they. Thrust. That. Cross. Into. The ground. That every. Not a bone.

Broken. No. No. But. His. Joint. Was out of place. Oh. Can it. Take us a little.

[23:31] My. To have a little. Idea. Of the. Sufferings. Of this. Dear. Son of God. On behalf.
Of his. Church. Not for the world. We've heard. This afternoon. That he. Played. Not for the world. But for those.
Whom the father. Had. Given him. Oh. The suffering. To be led. To care of.
And to see. A little. By faith. And to. Have. Shall I say. A little. View.
Saint. And if so. The feeling of it. Within our soul. And what will that do. Well I believe.

[24:26] It will draw out. Our hearts. And our affections. Toward that one. Who so. Willingly. Passed this way.

Endured. What he. Endured. No tongue. No tongue. Can tell. To save. Can I say. Our souls.

From. Hell. Woman. Behold. Thy son. At Calvary. Thy son.

And these. Dear women. Mary. Mother. Of Jesus. Was there. When he. Said. I.

Thirst. There was a witness. To it. And I believe. We've been. Thankful. At times. That these things. Are left on record.

[25:22] That we are. Unable. To read them. And to meditate. Upon them. And sometimes. In meditating. Upon it. We've.

Gathered a little. We've. Gleaned a little. As Ruth. Did. In the fields. Of Boaz. And we've. Gleaned a little.

From. Calvary. Oh. How good. The Lord. Has been. Still is. In leaving.

His word. For our. Meditation. And oh. How good. The Holy Spirit. Is. When the Spirit. Leads us. Into it.

That we are. Enable. To. Gather. A handful. Should I say. Just a little. Here and. There and then. And what will it do.

[26:17] Why. It will strengthen. Our faith. And help us. To press on. Believing. That we shall. Endure. Unto.

The. End. Then Jesus. When Jesus. Therefore. Saw his mother. And the disciples. Standing by.

Whom he loved. He said. Unto his mother. Woman. Behold. Of thy. Son. Woman. Woman.

Behold. Thy son. I mentioned. This evening. About. Faith.

Beholding. Him. There was many. As you know. On this earth. When Jesus. Was living.

[27:26] Here. At natural life. And yet a spiritual life. And many. Behold him. Many.

Behold him. As a robber. The. The. Many. Beheld him. As a blasphemer. It reminds me.

Of the word. In Psalm. 37. Mark. The perfect man. And behold. The upright. For the end. Of that man.

Is peace. Why. Those. Shall I say. Wicked. Men. And women. Those. Who are unbelievers.

They marked him. But not in love. They marked him. In envy. In malice. They.

[28:24] Marked him. Yea. When they said. Away with him. But there was a few. Around the cross. And others. That believed on him.

And they. Marked him. As a. Perfect man. We can say. Cannot we not. Behold.

The son. Of God. A. Perfect man. Yes. Perfect. That cannot be said.

Of any other. We are not. Perfect. But Jesus. Was. Perfect. Perfect. Perfect. In every way. He shed.

A perfect blood. He. Wrought out. A perfect righteousness. Perfect. In every way. Shape. And form.

[29:20] You say. Well. How can you. Bring the church. Of God. Into. That word. That I have quoted.

Mark. The perfect man. Well. It's not in us. Dear friends. It's not. And yet. I believe. That word. Is spoken. For.

For. For. And on. The. Of. Of. The church. You say. How can it be. Well. In simple words. And let me first. Lead you. To the point.

When. He said. A sinner. Is a. Sacred thing. The Holy Ghost. Has made him. So. That's the secret. Of it. That's the commencement.

Of a perfect man. When we become. The temple. Of the Holy Ghost. Nothing perfect. In us. By nature.

[30:15] But the perfection. Is in that. Which the Lord. Has implanted. Within our temple. Within our earthly bodies. That is a perfect.

So as we. Read. Those words. We may look upon. The inner man. The man of divine grace. Which is.

Perfect. And behold. The end of that man. Is peace. Now where was peace wrought. Right into the text.

Behold. The sun. On Calvary. That's where. Peace was wrought. That's where peace came. In and through.

Jesus. Christ. Nor where. If Jesus had not been born. Here. If Jesus had not. Suffered. If he had not bled.

[31:13] If he had not died. There would have been no salvation. No salvation. No peace. No pardon. No washing.

No cleansing. Yea. No heaven. No heaven. We shouldn't have been here. This evening. But through. The wisdom.

Of. The trinity. The wisdom. And love. Of the father. As I've already said. Send. His dear. Beloved son. As a servant.

Yea. And he. Willingly. Came. As a servant. And he. Willingly. Came. As a redeemer. I believe. Jesus. New. Calvary.

Even from. The manger. As a babe. He could see. Calvary. He knew. The path. He was to tread. He knew.

[32:10] The outcome of it. And no doubt. At times. There was a longing. Desire. To come. To that time. Of suffering. That he might.

Return. Unto his father. In heaven. As much. As at times. There's a desire. In our hearts. To leave.

The world. To go. Unto him. I believe. I have a few. Here this evening. And have uttered. The words.

Of the poet. At times. Weary of earth. Myself. And sin. Dear Jesus. Set me free. And to thy glory. Take me in. For there I long to be.

There was those. Pilgrimage. Pilgrims of old. Those saints. That we read of. In the 11th of Hebrews. They looked. They desired.

[33:06] A better country. Not satisfied. With things here. Nor was Christ. He came for the work. He accomplished the work.

He was pleased. To return. Unto his father. In heaven. woman. Behold. Behold.

Behold. Thy son. Well friends. Can I say to you this evening. Child of God. Have you.

Have you. Beheld. This. Son of God. As your. Savior. And your. Redeemer. You say. I can't rise.

So I. No. Maybe some. Here this evening. Much in the dark. In these matters. Much in the dark. Cannot read.

[34:01] Your election. You fear. At times. All your. Religion. Religion. Is buying. Not of. Not of God.

Something. That has grown. Upon you. From childhood. Days. You sat. Under the truth. So many. Many. Times. And heard. The word.

Read. The word. And you fear. It's only in the letter. You are still in the dark. Cannot take. Anything. To yourself.

That is of the spirit. You fear. It's all of the creature. All of self. And I'll tell you this. There's one ready. To give. The answer. And that is.

That one. Who goeth about. Ready to deceive. And he will. And he will. Tell you. That all your religion. Is buying. You've never seen.

[34:57] This son of God. You never will. He'll say. You never will. You're deceived. Have I a poor soul. Here this evening. In much darkness.

Cannot take. Order of anything. Not even a promise. Well. If I have. What's going on.

In your heart. You say. Well. There's a cry. There's a concern. There's a prayer. What is it? Remember me.

With the favor. That thou bearest. Under thy people. My friends. If it comes. From thy heart. There's something. In your heart. That is of the Holy Spirit.

There's something. There. In. Thy. Earthly. Tabernacle. That has come. From heaven. Something holy. Yes.

[35:52] You know. The devil. Is ever ready. To devour. The Lord's people. But. Let me take you. For a few moments. To Job. That poor man.

Yet blessed. Oh. The grace. So manifested. In him. And in his life. And God. Gave permission. Can I use the word rightly.

Gave Satan. The permission. To deal with. Job. A servant of God. Do not forget it. A child of God. God. Yes.

One whom the God. Had loved with an everlasting love. One in the covenant. Of grace. Name. Litten in heaven. And yet God. Gave him.

As it were. To Satan. Yea. Satan. Tormented him. But. Ere. Gere. God. Said.

[36:50] Unto. Satan. What did he say? Well. In simple words. He has a spirit within him. That's mine. That's the secret of it.

Yes. Sometimes. The Lord's people. Have to go through. Some dark places. Dorses. Yes. Crosses to carry. Dark places.

Deep waters. And seems as if the devil goes with us sometimes. But. The soul. The soul. And Satan. Had some discernment.

Because he said. Thou hast put a edge about it. Oh how sweet. You say. Sweet. Yes. God has an edge of his love.

And it's around every individual child of his. It's around his old church. Yea. Those souls own Christ redeemed. Can they be left to the hands of the devil?

[37:54] Never. We may be sorely tried. He may follow us here and there. He's been the pulpit with me more than once.

On one occasion. I shall not forget. But. When trying to speak in London. On one occasion. He followed me in the pulpit.

He stood beside me. I tried to read. He was speaking to me. You know.

You know this is here. You can't preach. Sometimes the devil speaks the truth. My friends. I've had to say yes. Amen to that. I can't.

And that's how he has tormented me. And I believe he has to others. But I must tell you the other side. When the reading had finished.

[38:50] And I tried to open my lips in prayer. Then. Satan was gone. And the. And the Lord appeared. And the Holy Spirit.

Indicted. May I give that word of encouragement. The son. Who may be present. Who was often tormented. And tried. With the power of the devil.

He goeth about ready to devour. But as I said. The Lord has put an edge. Around his dear people. I have said.

If there was a gap in that hedge. The devil would be the first through it. But there isn't. There isn't. Never has been. Never will be. Every child stand.

If he stands. Yea upon the rock. And the ring of his love. Is around them. Woman.

[39:54] Behold. Thy son. Well friends. Have we beheld. This son of God. Beheld him. As our mediator.

Have we beheld him. As our friend. Have we beheld him. As our counselor. Have we beheld him. As our redeemer. Have we beheld him.

As our shepherd. David did. I believe I mentioned it. This morning. David said. You've longed to say it.

The time will come. When you're unable to say it. He is my shepherd. You say. Will that time come?

My friends. If you've got a deep concern. To see and to know. This son of God. The time of love will come. When thou shalt. Clearly see.

[40:53] Not only that he shed his blood. But thou shalt say for me. Can you see him then. As the one. Who has shed his blood.

That you might find. Cleansing. Can you behold. This dear son of God. As your righteousness. Can you behold.

This dear son of God. As your refuge. Can you behold him. This evening. As the foundation. Of your religion.

Of your never dying soul. Can you say. This evening. My hope is built. On nothing less. Than Jesus blood. And righteousness.

Woman. Behold thy son. Poor sinner. Behold him. This son of God. As your all in all.

[41:52] Behold him. As the creator. Of the heavens. The mansion. What did he say. To his disciples. And I may have one here. This evening.

Troubled. Troubled. Deeply tried. Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. For in my father's house.

Are many mentioned. If it were not so. I would have told you. God doesn't deceive. His people. I would have told you. But I go to prepare.

A place for you. And if I go. And prepare. A place for you. I will come again. And receive you. Unto myself. That where I am.

There he may be. Also. Behold him. And dear friends. The time is coming. When each of us. Will behold him.

[42:48] As the son of God. The day is coming. It may not be far away. When he will come again. In the clouds. As it were. Down. From the realms of bliss. Yes. Not to suffer. Not to come to Calvary. Not to shed blood. As all done. Finished. Accomplished.

To perfection. But he have come. What? To look upon his bride. To take them. Yea. His bride. The old church of God.

To himself. I have said. Every eye. In this little cause. This evening. Will behold him. Yes.

But I do sincerely hope. That each of us. Will behold him. As the son of God. And behold him. As our savior.

[43:42] And our redeemer. One. Portion of scripture. That is recorded. Will be spoken. It will be this. Come.

Ye blessed of my father. Inherit the kingdom. Prepared. For thee. Then what? Dear friends. Why. Behold him there.

Oh. Think of it. Behold him there. In the realms of bliss. Where there's no sorrow. No grief.

No pain. No devil. No. Uh. Old nature. All finished. Body of sin.

Be finished. Yes. Lay it aside. What will continue. Joy. Happiness. Love. Praise.

[44:38] Oh may we. Each be. Among them. Who desire now. To behold. The son of God. And if so. We shall behold him.

In his glory. And he will behold us. Yea. The father will behold us. In and through his dear beloved son. A perfect man.

Amen.