

“The Cost of Forgiveness”  
Luke 23:34  
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Two ways crucifixion differs from our forms of execution today:

1. Executions today are, for the most part, private events.
2. Executions today are swift and merciful.

Unpacking Jesus' prayer of forgiveness (Luke 23:34)

1. Jesus addresses His prayer to the Father.
2. Jesus' prayer involved a specific request.  
The Greek word we translate “forgive” has three shades of meaning in Luke 23:34.
  - a. The word “forgive” expresses the idea of letting go of debt by not demanding it's payment.
  - b. The word “forgive” also means to permit.
  - c. The word “forgive” is in the imperfect tense indicating that Jesus prayed this prayer more than once.
3. Jesus' prayer includes an object in His request.
4. Jesus' prayer has a purpose to His request.