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3. The other requested, "*Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!*"
4. Three phrases were repeated over again. Notice the present participle in all three verses, 34, 39, 42. {This is the **imperfect** tense in the Gk. which means continuous or linear action in the past.}

D. At the foot of the cross were the soldiers. *John 19:23-24*

1. Sandals, girdle, outer robe, and head dress were divided equally, but His tunic was gambled away.

Verse 24 ~ "*THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.*"

E. At the foot of the cross was the lone Apostle John.

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