

**Scripture:** The Law of God (Ex. 20) – John 19:25-27 & Matthew 12:46-50  
**Singing:** 350 – 338:2, 3 – 47:1, 2, 4, 5 – 124:1, 2 – 370:1-2

A. Jesus' dying words are among the sweetest revelations of God's Gospel

B. Jesus' first three cross words are reflective of His three offices

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Savior's ministry of love in His pastoral care</b> I. He saw the deep need II. He gave the pastoral charge</p>
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I. The Savior's ministry His response to seeing a deep need

A. The setting of this ministry of pastoral care

1. Truth about you is not seen on sunny days (Acts 7:59-60; 16:20-25)

2. Peter *inspired* direction is to see Jesus as example (1 Peter 2:21-25)

B. John's recollection of Jesus 3<sup>rd</sup> cross word: vs. 26-27

1. He was part of a group of faithful disciples

2. Jesus saw deeply into their hearts: Hebrews 13:8; 4:14-16

C. Jesus addressed & cared for his mother

1. Mary's journey with Jesus was the journey of a sword piercing her heart

2. Jesus' addressed her need for a new relationship with Him

## II. The Savior's ministry is to give a pastoral charge

A. His charge both is: look out for each other as 'family members'

1. Our natural family ties are temporal

2. Our spiritual family ties are eternal!

a. as a Christian believer you are a brother or sister in a new family

b. Matthew 12:50; Eph. 3:14-15

B. Best way to carry this charge as looking upon Jesus on the cross

1. Jesus on the cross is not only your Lord: Heb. 2:12

2. He is not only an example: *His example and His Word is pastoral charge!*

### **Three Applications:**

A. Do you see your *fellow believers in Christ* as your **closest family members**?

B. Do you *look up to, down upon, or look after* you fellow believers?

C. Do you understand implications of Jesus' pastoral charge for you?