A. Alone (John 19:25-27):

1. **Standing** – Jesus’s mother, her sister, John, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene remained at the cross with no plans to leave.
2. **Standing** – Perfect love cast out fear (1 John 2:5; 4:12, 18). Perfect love drives us to keep our eyes fixed on Christ which means it can take us into dangerous places but because of His suffering we are protected (Psalm 34; Hebrews 1:14).
3. **Standing by** – Apparently Mary and John drew closer to the Cross as Christ was on it three hours before darkness fell.
4. **The cross** – At this point Christ is now nailed to the cross and the cross has been erected.
5. **The cross** – The cross was the worse humiliation that could be placed upon a person in human history (Phil. 2:5-8).
6. **The cross** – Even though the cross is the deepest humiliation anyone can go through it is the very thing Christ gloried in (Galatians 6:14).
7. **Saw his mother** – With Mary and John apparently getting closer to Christ He fully recognized them.
8. **The disciple whom He loved** - Christ had a special relationship with John (1 John 1:1-3). John was surely a sincere follower of Christ.
9. **Love** – John, by remaining at the cross unlike all the other disciples demonstrated that he understood Christ’s love for him.
10. **Standing by; Presenting** – John was as close to the cross as he could get and he was not planning on moving.
11. **He said** – What Christ was saying was something He constantly repeated.
12. **Woman** – Christ took care of Mary because she is His mother (He did not do this for the other women) but He spoke to her as His follower.
13. **Behold** – Mary needed to place her complete attention on what Christ was saying.
14. **He said** – What Christ said to Mary He constantly repeated to John.
15. **The disciple** – John writes this saying “the disciple” as if to implicitly say he was the only follower and student of Christ who was there.
16. **The disciple took her** – John once and for all accepted his divine responsibility to provide for Mary.
17. **Own** – John taking Mary into his own household is a way of saying John owned this decision as if he made it himself.
18. **Own** – Christ can be the only person who pays for our sins. No matter who tried to support Him He was going to be alone.
B. Unbearable (Matthew 27:45-46):

1. **Darkness** – Christ was on the cross for three hours before the darkness came (Mark 15:25, 33).
2. **Darkness** – Darkness represents the abode of evil spirits or a place where evil is at work. It never represents anything good only what is wicked and evil.
3. **Darkness fell** – Darkness was a three-hour moment when God separated Himself from Christ.
4. **Fell** – The darkness came out of nowhere (it happened suddenly) like it was created out of nothing, no storm, no thunder, descending like a blanket over all the earth or that region on the earth.
5. **Fell** – The darkness that came was like a darkness they never saw before. It could not be an eclipse because it lasted three hours. Even the soldier recognized that it was supernatural (Luke 23:47) and began praising God, others beat their chest and left.
6. **Cried out** – This means to yell out extremely loud.
7. **Cried out** – Christ’s loud shouting was in a very distressful tone. It was like a person in deep sorrow, deep pain so all they could do was to scream out loud.
8. **Cried out** – Christ’s loud shouting was at the end of three hours of separation from God because He bore the sins of the world (darkness).
9. **Loud voice; Great** – Christ’s shouting was not just loud it was intense.
10. **Saying** – What Christ is saying here is constantly being repeated.
11. **Why has thou forsaken me** - For this moment in time all of heaven forsook Christ because He bore the sins of the world.
12. **Why has thou forsaken me** - Christ was left unprotected by every being in heaven.
13. **Why has thou forsaken me** - All of heaven could not bear to see Christ this way.
14. **Why has thou forsaken me** - Those who needed their sins forgiven looked to Christ (the women and John at the cross) wanted to care for Him at the cross. Those who defiantly rejected Christ wanted Christ to stay on the cross. Heaven could not bear to be with Him until the resurrection. Even during Christ’s three-day death, He did not go to heaven; He went to pronounce judgment on the demons of Genesis 6 in hell (1 Peter 3:18-22).
15. **Why has thou forsaken me** – When forsaken by God Christ was pierced.