

## 7 Last Words of Jesus – April 5, 2023

Jesus on the cross between 9 am – 3 pm; 7 phrases.

Matt. 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, & John 19.

**1** **Luke 23:34** - “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

- His first words are forgiveness. (Usually, our last)
  - In his pain, Jesus seeks peace, not anger or hatred.
- Some sin we know, some we don’t know. Misguided. Twisted.
  - Some people do things in the name of God, but still wrong.
    - The ends don’t justify the means.
    - Take matters in our own hands// relying on ourselves, not God.
  - God is interested in our actions, not our results.
    - We aren’t responsible for others actions
      - Love God, bring Him glory. Jesus glorified God.

**2** **Luke 23:43** - “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

- Immediate heaven. Immediate w/Jesus. No condemning.
- It’s never too late to give Jesus your heart.
- Criminal, under death sentence, knew of Jesus. We’re all sinners.
  - The first 2 are said during the morning, before noon. Longest words.

**3** **Matt. 27:46 & Mark 15:34**- About 3pm Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)

- He quotes **Psalm 22:1** – *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?”*
  - **Psalm 22**: prophecy of Messiah’s suffering. Crowd insulting Jesus.
    - **22:7-8** – *“All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. 8 “He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”*
    - Prophecy: pierced His hands/feet; divide His garments, cast lots.
- Sin separates us. Jesus took our sin on Him.
  - **1 Pet. 2:24** – *“Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed.”*
  - On final day, Jesus experienced the absence of God’s presence.

④ **John 19:26-27** – “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” **The human words of Jesus:** care for mother.

- Even in His suffering, He sees us. He knows our pain.
- We can choose family. We can accept Jesus’ invitation to love.
  - We need relationships. Understand journey. Don’t go it alone.
  - Choose Jesus. care for each other.

⑤ **John 19:28** – Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

**Psm 22:15** - “*My strength is dried up & my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.*” **Jesus** – the living water – is thirsty.

- In our humanity, we thirst as well.
  - It’s in feeling disconnected to God, Jesus is thirsty.
    - Looking to fill thirst outside of God will leave us empty, dry.

**Psm 42:1** – “*As a deer longs for streams of water, so I long for You, God.*”

⑥ **Luke 23:46** – “Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last.”

- Jesus quotes **Psalm 31:5** – “*Into Your hands I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.*”
- Jesus has all power & authority. He gave up His life.
  - He still has all power & authority today. He has the final say.

⑦ **John 19:30** – “When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

- It is finished . . . mission accomplished. Battle won. Price paid.
  - Stop trying to earn salvation... earn God’s love. **It is Finished.**
  - Stop atoning for past; guilt...nailed to a cross. **It is Finished.**
  - Stop trying to be perfect; apologizing for who you are. **Finished.**
  - Stop being surprised at evil & hate. Love conquers it. **Finished.**
  - Stop living defeated. Jesus changed everything on Calvary.
    - The bad of His crucifixion we call **Good Friday**.
      - Live to please God. Live with victory

Song of the week – “It Is Finished” by GVB

Easter Sunday, 11 a.m. 5-3-23- “Restoration Reunion” – 35 days