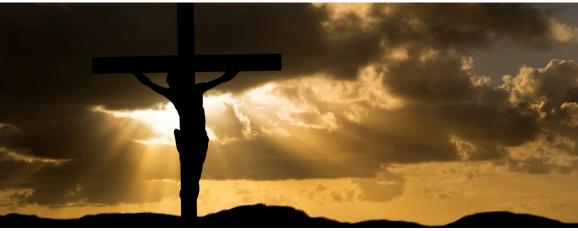
# MARK PRICE

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### The Seven Last Words of Christ Reflections for Holy Week

#### The First Word:

"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."
(Luke 23:34)

#### The Second Word:

"I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."
(Luke 23:43)

#### The Third Word:

"Dear woman, here is your son." (John 19:26)

#### The Fourth Word:

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Mark 15:34)

#### The Fifth Word:

"I am thirsty." (John 19:28)

#### The Sixth Word:

"It is finished!" (John 19:30)

#### The Seventh Word:

"Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" (Luke 23:46)

## The Three Statements of Jesus after the Resurrection and before Ascending

#### The First Statement:

"Fear not. Be Not Afraid" (Matthew 28:10, Luke 24:36 & Luke 24:38)

#### The Second Statement:

"Bear Witness. As the Father sent Me, I also send you."
(Acts 1:8, John 20:21)

#### The Third Statement:

"Receive Power. Receive the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:8, John 20:22 & Acts 4:31)

#### **Reflection Questions**

- 1. Do you really believe God has forgiven your sins? Do you take time on a regular basis to confess your sins so that you might enjoy the freedom of forgiveness? Do you need to experience God's forgiveness in a fresh way today?
- 2. Have you staked your life on Jesus? Have you put your ultimate trust in him? Do you know that, when your time comes, you will be with him in paradise?
- 3. What does Mary's presence at the cross evoke in you? Why do you think was it necessary for Jesus to suffer physical pain as he died?
- 4. Have you taken time to consider that Jesus was abandoned by the Father so that you might not be? What does this "word" from the cross mean to you?
- 5. How do you respond to Jesus' statement "I am thirsty"? What does this statement suggest to you about Jesus? About yourself?
- 6. Do you live as if Jesus finished the work of salvation? To you have confidence that God will finish that which he has begun in you?
- 7. Have you put your life and, indeed, your life beyond this life, in God's hands? How do you experience God's salvation through Christ in your life today?