

Last Words of the One with the Last Word

Seven Sayings from the Cross

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What does the death of Christ mean for you and me?

1. Forgive Them (Luke 23:34)

Question: Forgive who, for what? *Answer:* Jesus is asking the Father to forgive, at least, those who performed the crucifixion of the very Son of God and to forgive them of, at least, the act of putting Him to death since His death was necessary for the forgiveness of sinners.

Interceding for the Transgressors – Isaiah 53:12

The Request of Stephen – Acts 7:60

The Passover and the Blood on the Doorposts – Exodus 12:23

Shed blood applied was required to escape the wrath of God.

2. Today in Paradise (Luke 23:43)

Question: What Paradise and why? *Answer:* Jesus was promising that the thief would be with Him in the place of the forgiven and righteous, in heaven and in the presence of God, which would be a place of pleasures forever. And this promise was given to the thief because of his faith in Jesus as the Messiah and King promised in the Scriptures even though he saw Jesus being crucified as if He were one of the worst of criminals.

A Man Went to Heaven/Paradise – 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

The Promise of the Tree of Life/Paradise – Revelation 2:7

Striking the Rock for Water – Exodus 17:6

The striking of Christ is intended to satisfy us with the living water of peace and joy in the kingdom of God.

3. Behold Your Mother (John 19:26-27)

Question: Behold who, for what and so what? *Answer:* Jesus told His disciple, John, to play the role of a son to a mother and to take care of His grieving mother, Mary, now that Jesus was no longer going to be on earth to do so. Even on the cross the Lord Jesus was thinking of others and fulfilling the command to love to the very end.

A Mother's Grief – Luke 2:34-35

The Seed of the Woman – Genesis 3:15

The Seed of the Woman honors His virgin mother as He crushes the serpent's head!

4. Forsaken (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)

Question: Forsaken by whom, from what to what? *Answer:* The Lord Jesus was forsaken by God His Father and ceased to enjoy the peace and joy of fellowship with Him and was left to the horrors of that abandonment and the just penalty that the sin of the world deserves!

Bore Our Sins/Transgressions – Isaiah 53:5, 8, 11

All Our Iniquity Laid on Him – Isaiah 53:6

Became a Curse – Galatians 3:13

Made Sin – 2 Corinthians 5:21

Crushed by God – Isaiah 53:10

Cast into the Outer Darkness – Matthew 25:30

Carried Our Sorrows – Isaiah 53:4, 11

Experienced the Fierce Wrath of God – Revelation 14:10; 19:15

Forsaken but Trusting – Psalm 22:1-5

The Ram in the Place of Isaac – Genesis 22:13

Jesus was a Substitute for sinners who trusted His Father even as He was forsaken by Him for our sakes.

5. I am Thirsty (John 19:28)

Question: Thirsty for what, and so what? *Answer:* Jesus spoke to move the soldiers to provide vinegar for him in order to fulfill Scripture, to identify with the Davidic Messiah that was prophesied, to be strengthened for His final testimony to the world and to express His desire to see the fruit of His sacrifice!

Broken in the Midst of Enemies – Psalm 69:19-21

Thirst for the Satisfaction of His Anguish – Isaiah 53:11

The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 16:8-10

Jesus is the death goat and the scapegoat who died in our place and suffered the ‘wilderness’ of God’s just punishment on our sin.

6. It is Finished (John 19:30)

Question: Finished what, and so what? *Answer:* Jesus completed the mission the Father had given Him and fulfilled all righteousness and suffered all the wrath of the Father against our sin (‘paid in full’) and fully prepared a salvation to offer to the world and to provide to all those who believe and to all those God has chosen to give to His Son!

The Mission – John 3:16-17; John 12:47; 1 Timothy 1:15

The Lamb of God – John 1:29

The Gift of Righteousness – Romans 5:17

The Parable of the Dinner – Matthew 22:4

Jesus has been ‘butchered and everything is ready’ for hungry sinners!

7. Into Your Hands (Luke 23:46)

Question: What commitment and why? *Answer:* The Lord Jesus committed Himself to the Father as He prepared to give up His life, trusting the Father to take Him to Paradise when He died and to raise His body on the third day as He promised, so that He might reign as Lord of all and as an able and willing Savior for all those who would believe.

Trusting in the Lovingkindness of God – Psalm 31:1-8

Trusting in the Promise of Resurrection – Psalm 16:10-11

Jesus was abandoned temporarily in our place for our sins, but He knew that He would not be ultimately abandoned and there was a joy set before Him!

The Veil of the Temple (Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 10:19-22)

This veil is the second, most inner veil in front of the ‘Holy of Holies’ where God’s presence was manifested; this means that the death of Christ has opened the door to heaven and fellowship with God in His very presence for all who repent and believe!

Do you need Jesus?

We must trust in His death in order to live. - 1 Peter 3:18

We must imitate His death in order to love. – 1 Peter 2:24