

The Seven Last Statements of Jesus

Lk 23:34

- The Seven last statements of Jesus represent His Grace, Mercy, Compassion, Forgiveness, toward mankind, and His Trust in The Father, knowing that His crucifixion was necessary for Him to complete His redemptive mission.
- Just for clarity so we can understand fully the pain and suffering Jesus withstood in order to still be alive much less speak these words lets examine what took place prior to Him being on this cross. First were told in **Math 26:67** that they slapped him with both open palms and closed fists, then they had him scourged or flogged by a Roman soldier using an instrument called the Flagellum.
- This was used for a prisoner under capital punishment and before the execution they would tie him to a post, strip his clothing off so that his back lay bare, and using a short leather whip studded with sharp pieces of bone and metal balls and spikes to rip and tear the flesh as it hits and is pulled away. When one of the guards would tire another take his place and begin the process over again, often the prisoner wouldn't even make it to the cross and die right there before ever being crucified.
- All this precedes what were about to read, afterward they made him carry the beam of the cross which weighed about 125 pounds, the entire cross weighed over 300 pounds. The spikes or nails driven into Jesus wrists, and feet were between 7 to 9 inches long, and then they would lift you up and let the sun, birds, and elements have their way as you hang there half dead, in excruciating pain, waiting to die.
- The first word Jesus utters from His mouth as He is hanging on the cross is found in **Lk 23:34**- Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Not Father get them because they had the chance to let Me go but decided to torture an innocent Savior.
- **2nd Lk 23:43**- he displays His forgiveness as the thieves who deserved their punishment as stated in **Lk 23:39-42**- one of them repents. Both Mk 15, and Math 27 says both the robbers initially ridiculed Jesus but now one repents and Jesus says "Today you will be with Me in paradise".

- **3rd Jn 19:26-27**- “Woman behold your son, behold your mother” looking out for Mary His earthly mother and tells John His disciple that Mary is now his responsibility. Jesus had other siblings but **Jn 7:6** says they didn’t believe, and **Mk 3:21** goes further saying they thought He was out of His mind. So Jesus gives the responsibility for caring for Mary to one who did believe. Thinking of others while hanging there dying on the cross amazing!
- **4th Math 27:46**- Jesus cries out “My God My God why have You forsaken Me” this is the first and only time The Father turns His back toward Jesus, as He takes on the sin of the world. This is the Divine element taking place for all mankind.
- **5th Jn 19:28**- “I thirst” the human element is still there as His earthly body is breaking down being dehydrated from all that he has gone through physically.
- **6th Jn 19:30**- “It is finished” Tetelestai, in the Greek meaning the debt is paid, it is finished.
- **7th LK 23:46**- “Father into Your Hands I commit My Spirit” then He dies just as He lived, trusting His Father as He physically experiences human death.