

The Last Sayings of Christ on the Cross

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Saying #1 : "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

- *The message: There Is Forgiveness At The Cross.*
- *There Is A Forgiveness That Is Not Deserved Yet Is Unlimited At The Cross*

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Saying #2: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

- **Luke 23:42–43 (NIV) — 42** Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” **43** Jesus answered him, **“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

The Message: There’s salvation for you at the Cross.

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Saying #3: "Woman, here is your son."

(John) "Here is your mother" (John 19:26-27)

- **John 19:25–27 (NIV) — 25** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, **"Woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother."** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.
- **The Message= There is Love for You at The Cross**

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Saying #4: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

(Mark 15:34; Matt 27:46)

- *Jesus was expressing His feelings of abandonment*
- *The sins of the entire world were placed on Him*
- ***This was fulfillment of the prophetic statements in [Psalm 22](#)***
- **The Message Jesus is saying “*my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”—is: *there is atonement for us at the cross***

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Saying #5: "I thirst." (John 19:28)

"I thirst" = Jesus suffered for you at the Cross.

John 19:28–29 (NIV) — 28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." **29** A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

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Jesus became aware and focused on His own physical circumstance *it was then that he said..* “I am thirsty.”

- *He accepted wine vinegar to moisten his lips so he could deliver two final important sayings clearly.*

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There is a temptation to become extremely self-centered in times of suffering – that was not Jesus

- **He did not mention the depths of pain he was experiencing only saying, “I am thirsty.”**
- **We are reminded how often we complain and react, overreact, negatively to the slightest annoyances**

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Jesus suffered in sanctified silence

- He uttered 3 brief words **“I Am Thirsty”**
- The Psalmist had predicted it --Now Jesus declared it

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Irony: the one who said, “if you drink of the water I give you -- you will never thirst again.”

- **Yet here he says – “I am thirsty”**

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Christ proclaimed the difference between the spiritual & the physical realms

- **To the hungry – He Is The Bread Of Life**
- **To the thirsty – He Is The Fountain That Will Never Run Dry**
- **Seek first the kingdom of Jesus and all these things will be taken care of and added to you. (Mt 6:33)**

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While he was thirsty – some of those who looked on wanted to hold off on quenching that thirst

The same reaction of many when they see a need:

- ***Someone else will do it***
- ***It's not my responsibility***

Matthew 10:42 (NIV) — 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

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To Get Closer To Christ We Need To Be As Thirsty In The Spiritual Realm As Christ Was On The Cross

- *Thirst For His Love, His Holiness*
- *Thirst For My Time In Prayer And In Serving Him*
- *Thirst To Draw Near To Him & He Will Draw Near To You*

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*Jesus said, **"I am thirsty,"** from the cross because He wanted His lips and throat moistened to utter those two final victorious sayings before He died*

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SAYING #6: **"It is finished."** (John 19:30)

- **"It is finished"** = *Jesus was the victor over sin at the Cross.*
- **John 19:30 (NIV) — 30** When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **"It is finished."** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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“It Is Finished” (Tetelestai) was used in several ways

- to show a bill had been paid,
- a task finished,
- a sacrifice offered,
- a masterpiece completed.

Each applies to what Jesus did on our behalf on the cross!

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“TELESTAI” = “IT IS FINISHED”

- **Perhaps the greatest word that has ever been spoken on our behalf**
- **What Was Finished? The mission that he came to fulfill**
- **John 17:4 (NIV) — 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.**

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What A Great Thing To Accomplish A Lifetime Mission:

- *i.e. A Lifetime Service Award –*
- **THE SUFFERING – IT TOO, WAS FINISHED**
- *The mission had to be completed*
- *it was a mission could not be accomplished without suffering*
- *Payment for the wages of sin that was laid on Him was involved*

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The benefits of suffering are not always seen at surface level

- **Jesus shows us that even when evil people are behind the suffering, we can trust in God's will being done**
- **Great suffering – which Jesus endured --enabled him to finish the work of atoning for the world's sin and fully finish the Father's plan**

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Jesus was a finisher

- **He left nothing undone.**
- **Redemption's work is finished**
- ***Man's account with God has been settled, the debt wiped out***
- ***There is victory over sin in the Cross***

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SAYING #7: **"Into your hands I commit my spirit."** (Luke 23:46)

- *Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" = The Future Is Bright Because Of The Cross!!*
- **Luke 23:46 (NIV) — 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.
- ***This is a prayer offered in fullness of faith***

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Matthew 27:54 (NIV) — 54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, **“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

Mark 15:37–39 (NIV) — 37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. **38** The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. **39** And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

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“Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit”

- **Some Translations = “Yielding His Spirit”**
- **Jesus Committed Himself To This Ending**
- **Jesus’ Life Was Not Taken From Him**
- **He Gave It Up Willingly (John 10:17-18)**

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The Final Saying Of Christ On The Cross Was A Prayer

- **What a difference at death's door between one who has a prayer life and one who does not**
- **Jesus Also Spent Time In The Word –**
- **In This Final Prayer – He Was Praying Scripture**
- **Psalm 31:5 (NIV) — 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.**

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Often when called upon to visit those who are near death, many things that consumed their lives earlier are no longer important.

- *There are times in life—especially those right before death—when any other book seems unimportant,*
- *When only the book that holds the words of eternal life feels suitable – Holy Scripture -- The Bible*
- *“Jesus’ Spirit was what mattered most to Him, and it became the subject of His final words.”*

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2. ***"Today, you will be with me"*** - ***there's salvation for you at the Cross.***
3. ***"Woman, here is your son"*** - ***there's love for you at the Cross.***
4. ***"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"*** - ***there's atonement for you at the Cross.***

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5. **"I am thirsty"** *Jesus suffered for you at the Cross.*
6. **"It is finished"** *Jesus was the victor over sin for you at the Cross.*
7. **"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"** *The Future Is Bright Because Of The Cross!!*