

Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross

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Christ's Triumphal Entry And Arrival In Jerusalem

- **Mark 11:1–6 (NIV) — 1** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, **2** saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3** If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ” **4** They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, **5** some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” **6** They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

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Mark 11:7–11 (NIV) — **7** When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. **9** Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” **10** “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” **11** Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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This Was A Time Of Messianic Declaration

- **Jesus' Entry Was Symbolic Of His Humility**
- **There Was Great Misunderstanding About The Nature Of His Coming**
- **This is One Of The Most Rapid Reversals In All Of History**

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The Week Of Passion = The Week Where Jesus Is Celebrated, Crucified, And Resurrected

- **The Week that Will Turn Into A Week Of *Desertion, Captivity, Suffering, Trial, and Crucifixion***

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Saying #1 Of Jesus On The Cross:

- **Luke 23:32–34 (NIV) — 32** Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. **33** When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. **34** Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”* And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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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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This Is an Ongoing Prayer of Jesus: **Father Forgive Them**

- **1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV) — 5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,
- **Matthew 5:43–44 (NIV) — 43** “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ **44** But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

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The Reason That He Forgave Them: “*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*”

- *They don't realize, what they are doing*
- *They were ignorant of the nature and gravity of their sin*
- **1 Corinthians 2:8 (NIV) — 8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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In Acts 3:17 Peter Preached This On The Day Of Pentecost:

- *You Acted In Ignorance In Christ's Crucifixion*
- *Yet God Used This.*
- ***Acts 3:17-19 (NIV) — 17*** “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ***18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,***

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These Are Some Of The Most Amazing Words Ever Spoken

- ***“Father Forgive Them For They Do Not Know What They Are Doing”***
- ***Forgiveness: Primary Importance in The Heart Of Jesus***

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

- **Luke 23:39–43 (NIV) — 39** One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” **40** But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? **41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” **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.”**

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What Is He Saying?

- *There's salvation for you at the Cross.*
- **Jesus' Message Wasn't Lengthy – But It Was Powerful**
- **“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

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Luke Records The 2 Different Reactions To Christ

- 1. One Man Hurls Insults And Mocks Jesus*
 - 2. The Other Criminal Rebuked The Mocker*
- Then He Addressed Jesus “Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom”**

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The Ramifications Of This Mans Salvation:

- *He Is On A Cross – So He Can't Join A Church*
- *He Can't Get Baptized*
- *He Can't Pay His Tithes or Perform Any Good Deeds*

Those Are Not The Important Things in Salvation

- *It's Not About Deeds or Duties -- It's About Faith*

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This saying from the cross teaches some wonderful truths.

THE WORST SINNERS CAN BE SAVED

- ***Romans 10:13 (NIV) — 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”***
- ***It Is Never Too Late To Turn To Christ***
- ***“Today Is The Day Of Salvation”***
- ***The Cross Is The Key That Opens The Door Of Paradise***

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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.
- **What We See = A Picture Of Love At The Cross**

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1 John 4:8 (NIV) — 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

- **God's fundamental nature is love**—not merely that he loves, but that he *is* love itself

1 Corinthians 13:8 (NIV) — 8 Love never fails.

- Love never gives up
- It continues even in times of extreme difficulty

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Jesus' love remained active during the greatest crisis of His life

- *His first duty was not self, but others – those He loved*
- *Jesus Showed Preference for Spiritual Issues & Spiritual Life*
- *He wanted John & Mary be encouraged & strengthened in faith*
- *The message was: **there's 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)

- *There is a holy silence between the noon and 3pm.*
- *During these hours **Jesus was made sin on our behalf.***
- **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) — 21** *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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When Jesus Cried Out “*My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?*”

- *Jesus was expressing His feelings of abandonment*
- *The sins of the entire world were placed on Him*
- *It Was Not A Cry Of Distrust --It Was A Cry Of Distress*

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This was fulfillment of the prophetic statements in [Psalm 22](#)

- ***Psalm 22:1–3 (NIV) — 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.***

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Psalm 22:7–8 (NIV) — **7** 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.”

Psalm 22:14–18 (NIV) — **14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. **15** My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. **16** Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. **17** All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. **18** They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

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By quoting the first line Jesus was identifying himself w/Psalm 22

- **Ps. 22 is a literal description of Calvary – Yet It Is Written 1,000 Years Before Christ**
- *This was a prophecy that spoke of what was prepared for Him*
- *Psalm 22 doesn't end in defeat or despair it ends in victory*

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We can't help but think about the tremendous price he paid

- As we look to the cross, we realize that ***what Jesus did for us cost him more than we can ever think or imagine –***
- ***And -- more than we can ever repay***
- 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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1. ***"Father, forgive them" - there's forgiveness for you at the Cross.***
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.***