



THE FINAL WORD

STUDY QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION GUIDE

It is a curious thing to discover a condemned man's last words. Some desperately plead their innocence, others express their remorse or regret, and others obstinately justify their horrendous behavior. The truly innocent One, Jesus, did none of that, but instead ministered even while he waited to die. In this series, we will hang on each word our Savior uttered.

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DON'T WEEP FOR ME

This exchange in Luke 23 is a perplexing one. Jesus is beaten, bloody, and weak. As he is paraded through the city on his way to his execution, he warns the mourning women. Today we learn why this dialogue was chronicled.

QUESTIONS

- This day, what we now refer to as Good Friday, was packed full of scandal, torture, and injustice. Let's review the events leading up to our topic for today.

- What was Jesus's physical, spiritual and emotional state as he was being paraded through the city of Jerusalem?

- Who was this great multitude of people and women who were mourning? Weren't they the same people who cried out for Barabbas's release and Jesus's execution?

- What was Jesus saying as he addressed the multitude? What "days" are coming? Was he referring to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70?

- Is it significant that Jesus would address the "daughters" of Jerusalem? How?

- What did he mean by "when the wood is green?"

- Does this comment have any application to Christians today? What warning should we glean from this today?

SPRINGBOARD VERSE

LUKE 23:28-31 ESV

But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"