



THE FINAL WORD

JESUS' REMARKABLE STATEMENTS LEADING TO HIS DEATH 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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BEHOLD YOUR SON - I AM NOW YOUR LORD

Time and again, we find Jesus the suffering savior ministering to others while his life is fading on the cross. In the middle of the chaos, Jesus spots Mary his mother, and proclaims a most puzzling new family arrangement.

QUESTIONS

- Let's review the highlights of what has become one of the most striking event in all of human history.
- As Jesus hanged on the cross, we are stunned by his continual care of humanity, including his own earthly family. Let's set the record straight - who is Mary?
- Jesus is the firstborn of the family. How does this position affect Jesus's mission on earth?
- Jesus looks on his mother and calls her "woman." Wouldn't it have been more respectful to call her "mother?"

Is it significant that He would call her "woman?"

Could this be a way for Jesus to sever the maternal ties for Mary?

Would it have been hard for her to consider Jesus her God after having been his mom for so long?

- We learn in Matthew 12 (46-50) that Jesus had other siblings. Why John, the son of Thunder?
- How does this exchange inform the way we understand the character of God? How can this exchange transform the way we live for Christ?

SPRINGBOARD VERSE

John 19:26-27 ESV When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.