

The Last Words of Jesus

(John 12:48)

- Introduction:
1. I am always happy when people turn their attention to Jesus, and people do that very thing at this time of the year.
 2. The birth of Jesus is an amazing truth - That God would relinquish heaven and come to earth as a baby is captivating to say the least (John 1:1,14).
 3. But this morning, I wish to take us beyond the manger.
 - a. I don't want to think of the babe, but of the man.
 - b. As a babe he was helpless; as a man he was all powerful.
 - c. As a babe he was loved; as a man he was hated.
 - d. As a babe he made demands on his mother; as a man he makes demands on all people.
 4. This morning, I want us to consider the last words of Jesus.
 5. Last words are important, especially when one knows they are one's last words.
 6. Typically, we turn to the cross for the last words of Jesus, but let's go further, to the last words he actually spoke to us in Revelation 22.

I. I Am Alpha & Omega

- A. (Revelation 22:13).
- B. Jesus affirms his deity.
- C. (John 1:1; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-3).

II. I Am the Root & Offspring of David; The Bright and Morning Star

- A. (Revelation 22:16).
- B. Jesus affirms that he is the one of whom the prophets spoke.

III. Blessed Is He Who Keeps The Words of this Prophecy

- A. (Revelation 22:7).
- B. Jesus affirms man's need for obedience, and the blessings that follow.

IV. Behold I Come Quickly

- A. (Revelation 22:7,12,20).
- B. Jesus affirms the suddenness of his return.

V. I Will Reward Everyone According to His Work

- A. (Revelation 22:12).
- B. Jesus affirms that there will be a judgment.
- C. (Acts 17:30-31).

- Conclusion:
1. The last words of Jesus remind us of who he is; that he expects obedience; and that he's coming again to judge the world.
 2. Are you listening?