

The Last Words Of Jesus

- Introduction:
1. Someone's final words to you are usually meaningful — words that will not soon be forgotten.
 2. They are especially important when the person speaking them knows that they are his final words.
 3. We have recorded for us in the gospel records, the final words of Jesus as He hung on the cross.
 4. Let's give those words our attention.

I. “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

- A. (Matthew 27:46).
- B. This passage has always been a great mystery to me, and seems to be a statement of despair and despondency.
- C. This is the first time in His life when God did not aid Him when He needed help (Matthew 4:6).

II. “Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise”

- A. (Luke 23:43).
- B. It is never too late to come to Christ.
- C. (Matthew 11:28-30).

III. “Woman Behold Your Son..., Behold Your Mother”

- A. (John 19:26-27).
- B. Jesus was thinking of others in the greatest trial of His life.
- C. (Matthew 20:28).

IV. “I Thirst”

- A. (John 19:28).
- B. This statement reminds us that it wasn't just an all-powerful God who hung on the cross, but a human being who had feelings just like all of us.
- C. The agony of the cross wasn't lessened simply because Jesus was the Son of God (Phil. 2:8).

V. “Father Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Do”

- A. (Luke 23:34).
- B. Of all the statements Jesus made on the cross, this one demonstrates for us the incomprehensible depth of Christ's love for us.
- C. (Romans 5:8).

VI. “Father, Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit”

- A. (Luke 23:46).
- B. Confidence, trust, and security are expressed in this short statement.
- C. (2 Timothy 1:12).

VII. “It Is Finished”

- A. (John 19:30).
- B. His mission reigned supreme — He never lost sight of it (Luke 2:49; Mt. 18:11).

- Conclusion:
1. Those last words of Jesus cry out through the centuries to be heard.
 2. What do they say? They tell us of His great love for us?
 3. How do you intend to respond to His love?