

The Last Words Of Jesus

Introduction

1. Someone's final words to you are significant.
 2. They are especially important when the person speaking them knows that they are his final words.
 3. Jesus' final words are open for all to consider.
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- I. "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46
 - These words are quoted from Psalm 22:1. The fuller context of Psalm 22:1 should be explored—the Psalmist is feeling helpless.
 - Jesus' humanity is seen in this cry.

 - II. "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43
 - It is never too late to come to Christ (see Matthew 11:28-30).
 - One should not count on a 'death bed confession' or abuse the time we *think* we have.

 - III. "Behold thy mother!" John 19:26, 27
 - A kind of Mother's Day.
 - Women played an important roll in the life and ministry of Jesus.
 - These words stress the spiritual nature of God's family (Matthew 12:48-50; Mark 3:33-35).
 - Jesus was thinking of others in the greatest trial of His life (compare Matthew 20:28).

 - IV. "I Thirst." John 19:28
 - 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.
 - The agony of the cross wasn't lessened simply because Jesus was the Son of God (Phil. 2:8).
 - Jesus was human (Hebrew 4:15). He wept (John 11:35). He was hungry (Matthew 25:35, 42).

 - VI. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34
 - Of all the statements Jesus made on the cross, this one demonstrates for us the incomprehensible depth of Christ's love for us (see also Romans 5:8).
 - Facing death, Jesus still cared for sinful men.
 - Jesus' dying prayers were for unity and forgiveness. How do we do in fulfilling those prayers?!

 - VI. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" Luke 23:46
 - Confidence, trust, and security are expressed in this short statement.
 - Jesus still relied on God's protection. Consider this when viewing Matthew 27:46.

VII. "It Is Finished."

John 19:30

- Jesus' ministry was about 3 years; His death on the cross lasted 6 hours, but the plan to redeem man was born in the Mind of God in the beginning (Ephesians 3:11).
- His mission reigned supreme — He never lost sight of it (Luke 2:49; Matthew 18:11).

Word Find



Final	Sayings	Forsaken	Paradise
Mother	Thirst	Father	Forgive
Commend	Spirit	Finished	Important
Heavenly	Church	Salvation	Love
Amazing	Grace	Obedience	Action