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Seven Last Words from the Cross

**Selected Scriptures
A Father's Day Sermon**

I. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do?" (Lk. 23:34)

A. Principle: _____ (Matt. 18:21-35; 1 Jn. 1:9; 1 Pet. 2:23; Isa. 53:12; 1 Cor. 2:8)

B. Application: You must forgive _____ (Matt. 6:14-15; Eph. 4:32)

II. "Today, you will be with Me in paradise" (Lk. 23:43)

A. Principle: _____ (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:28; Titus 3:5)

B. Application: You must be saved by _____ through _____ (Rom. 10:9; 11:6; Lk. 15:17-19)

III. "Woman, behold, your son! Behold, your mother!" (Jn. 19:26-27)

A. Principle: _____ (Eph. 6:1-2; Prov. 1:8)

B. Application: You must put others _____ of yourself (Phil. 2:3-4; Mk. 10:45)

IV. "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

(Matt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34)

A. Principle: _____ (Isa. 53:5; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18; 1 Jn. 4:10)

B. Application: You must see Jesus as your _____ (Josh. 1:9; Hab. 1:13; 2 Cor. 5:21)

V. "I thirst" (Jn. 19:28)

A. Principle: _____ (Psa. 69:21)

B. Application: You must at times go through great _____ to accomplish God's plan (Lk. 9:23; Gal. 2:20)

VI. "It is finished" (Jn. 19:30)

A. Principle: _____ (Jn. 10:17-18; Rev. 1:17-18)

B. Application: You must _____ the race that God has called you to (Heb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7)

VII. "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit" (Lk. 23:46)

A. Principle: _____ (Jn. 17:5, 13, 24)

B. Application: You will be _____ with Christ for all eternity (Jn. 12:25-26; 15:4; Phil. 1:21; 2 Cor. 5:8)

TAKE HOME

- In which two of these statements was Jesus expressing His own personal ***trial*** as well as His triumph? What can you learn from that as a Dad?
- In which two of these statements did Jesus directly ***minister*** to others? What can we learn from that?
- In which three of these statements did Jesus speak ***directly*** to His Father? How do these statements encourage you in your relationship with your father?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Luke 23:34. What strikes you about this first statement Jesus made? Review Matt. 18:21-35. What does this passage teach us about forgiveness?

2. Read Luke 23:39-43. What is the principle being taught here? What are some important things we can learn about salvation from this passage?

3. Read John 19:26-37. What do we learn about Jesus and his relationship with Mary from this passage? Read Ephesians 6:1-2. How is this passage to be lived out by children? By adults?

4. Read Mathew 27:46 and Mark 15:34. Why did the Father abandon His Son on the cross? How long was Jesus on the cross? How does this statement of Christ make you more appreciative for what He has done for you?

5. Read John 19:28. Why was Jesus thirsty? Have you ever been in physical distress for the Lord? Have you faced other kinds of distress? Read Luke 9:23 and Galatians 2:20. How can you apply these passages in your life?

6. Read John 19:30. What is Jesus talking about in this verse? Is there anything left for you to do for you salvation? How about for your sanctification?

7. Read Luke 23:46. According to this verse, where did Jesus go after He died? How does John 17:5, 13, 24 add to this thought? How does Philippians 1:21 give further perspective?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned in this message?

“By profession, I am a soldier, and take pride in that fact, but I am prouder, infinitely prouder, to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; a father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentialities of death; the other embodies creation of life; and while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battle, but in the home repeating with him our simple, daily prayer, our Father who art in Heaven.”

- General Douglas MacArthur