

“Crucifixion Hope: Lasting Words from the Cross”

Selected Scriptures from the Gospels

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-46 “And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.³³ And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.³⁴ Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.³⁵ And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.³⁶ And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,³⁷ And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.³⁸ And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**³⁹ And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.⁴⁰ But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?⁴¹ And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.⁴² And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.⁴³ And Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**⁴⁴ And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.⁴⁵ And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”

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I. Lasting Words of **Intercession** (Luke 23:34)

Isaiah 53:12 “Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made **intercession** for the transgressors.”

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II. Lasting Words of **Assurance** (Luke 23:42)

III. Lasting Words of **Love** (John 19:26)

John 19:25-27 “Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, **Woman, behold thy son!**²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, **Behold thy mother!** And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own **home.**”

IV. Lasting Words of **Imputation** (Matthew 27:46)

Matthew 27:45-46 “Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

Isaiah 53:5 “But he was wounded for our **transgressions**, he was bruised for our **iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

1 Peter 2:24 “Who his own self bare **our sins** in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

V. Lasting Words of **Humanity** (John 19:28)

John 19:28 “After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.**”

VI. Lasting Words of **Redemption** (John 19:30)

John 19:29-30 “Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

VII. Lasting Words of **Sovereign Submission** (Luke 23:46)

Luke 23:46 “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”

John 10:15-18 “**As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life** for the sheep. ¹⁶ **And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.** ¹⁷ **Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.** ¹⁸ **No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father.”

VIII. Lasting Words of **Application** (Luke 23:47-49)

Luke 23:46-49 “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. ⁴⁸ And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.”

- a. A Response of **Salvation**
- b. A Response of **Guilt**
- c. A Response of **Commitment**