

Famous Last Words

Matt 27:33-37

And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, 34 they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink. 35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there. 37 And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

- I. There were many witnesses to the crucifixion of Christ. (Matt 27:39)

And *those passing by were hurling abuse at Him*, wagging their heads

1. A contingency of Roman soldiers witnessed the crucifixion. (Matt 27:35-36)

And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. And sitting down, *they began to keep watch over Him there*.

2. A crowd of religious leaders witnessed the crucifixion. (Matt 27:41)

In the same way the *chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him*

3. A couple of condemned robbers witnessed the crucifixion. (Matt 27:44)

The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

4. A remnant of followers witnessed the crucifixion. (Matt 27:55)

Many women were there looking on from a distance, *who had followed Jesus from Galilee* while ministering to Him.

- II. There were a few words spoken to those at the Crucifixion of Christ. (Luke 23:33)

When they came to the place called The Skull, *there they crucified Him and the criminals*, one on the right and the other on the left.

1. Jesus spoke words of compassion to the crowd at the cross. Luke 23:34

But Jesus was saying, " Father, *forgive them*; for they do not know what they are doing."

2. Jesus spoke words of confirmation to the thief on the cross. (Luke 23:43)

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, *today you shall be with Me* in Paradise."

3. Jesus spoke words of consolation to His followers at the cross. John 19:26-27

When **Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby**, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

4. Jesus spoke words of **culmination** to the soldiers at the cross. (John 19:28)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "**I am thirsty.**"

- III. There was a finalization to the **work** in the crucifixion of Christ. (Luke 23:44-45)

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; **and the veil of the temple was torn in two.**

1. Jesus spoke a word of **crescendo** from the cross. (Mark 15:34)

At the ninth hour **Jesus cried out with a loud voice**, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?**"

2. Jesus spoke a word of **completion** from the cross. (John 19:30)

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

3. Jesus spoke a word of **commitment** from the cross. (Luke 23:46)

And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "**Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.**" Having said this, He breathed His last.

Eternity is too long

to be **wrong!**