

The Last Words Of Christ

(Part 2)

Scripture Reading:

Luke 23:33-46

“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46)

- What did Christ **mean**?
- Prophecy of Psalms 22:1
- Definition of forsaken:
- The **definition of “forsaken”** is:
 - “To loosen, i.e., **relinquish, permit.**” (Strong)
 - Part of Brown-Driver-Briggs definition: **“to let alone.”**
 - **“In a somewhat different nuance, the word means to ‘let someone or something alone with a problem’”** (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)

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- Jesus was not alone. **John 16:29-32; 8:28-30**
- Christ prayed for another way if it was God’s will. **Mark 14:32-36**, *“all things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will but what You will.”*
 - Yet note **Hebrews 5:7-8**
- Yet Jesus had to personally deal with the pain, agony, and suffering – by faith. **1 Peter 2:23-24**

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- There was no other way and no other suitable sacrifice for our sins. **Hebrews 10:1-14**
- Because of MY sins ... **Romans 5:8-11**
- Remember His first sacrifice. **Philippians 2:5-8.**

“I am thirsty” (John 19:28)

- A reminder that although Jesus was the Son of God, he lived and died in the flesh as a man.
- Yes, Jesus is ...
 - Eternal, **John 8:58; Hebrews 13:8**
 - Worthy of worship, **John 9:35-38; 20:28**
 - And one with the Father, **John 10:29-39; 17:21-22.**

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- He was also a man, in the flesh. **John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-8**
- His life was “manifested” and “witnessed.” **1 John 1:1-2**
- He understands our weaknesses and temptations and is able to “come to (our) aid.” **Hebrews 4:15, 2:14-18**
- Summarized in **Colossians 2:9**, “For in Him ***all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.***”

"It is finished!" (John 19:30)

- Jesus' focus on completing His mission.
- What was His mission?
 - It was to do His Father's will. **John 4:34, John 17:3-4**
 - It was to seek the lost. **Luke 19:10**
 - It was to give His life as a ransom for the many. **Matthew 20:28, cf. Ephesians 5:1-2**
 - It was to be the unblemished lamb who overcame sin. **Hebrews 4:15; 7:26**

"It is finished!" (John 19:30)

- To this mission – Christ was victorious. **1 Corinthians 15:53-58 – "O Victory In Jesus!"**
- Paul likewise in **2 Timothy 4:7** – *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."* cf. **Philippians 3:12-14**

We must keep the course until the end. **Luke 14:29-30; Revelation 3:1-2**

"Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit." (Luke 23:44-46)

- Jesus lived and died by faith, trusting in God with His very being ...
- ... That He would not be *"abandoned."* **Acts 2:27**
- ... that He would return to His former glory. **John 17:1-5**

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- Jesus' faith was rewarded. **Ephesians 1:20-22; Philippians 2:9-10**
- We too must entrust our souls (**1 Peter 4:19**) to God and have faith in His promises. **2 Timothy 1:12** – we can be confident. **1 John 4:17; Hebrews 10:35**

Jesus' Last Words

1. ***"Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."*** (Luke 23:34)
2. ***"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in Paradise."*** (Luke 23:42-43)
3. ***"Woman, behold, your son!"*** and then to John He said, ***"Behold your mother ..."*** (John 19:26-27)
4. ***"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"*** (Matthew 27:4-6)

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5. ***"I am thirsty"*** (John 19:28)
6. ***"It is finished!"*** (John 19:30)
7. ***"Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit."*** (Luke 23:46)