

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

† The Seven Statements from the Cross



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The Cry of Abandonment

Matthew 27:45–49 (NIV) **45** *From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). 47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” 48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”*

1. While on the Cross for approximately **6 hours**—Jesus makes 7 short statements filled with profound meaning.

3 are found in **John** only **3** are in **Luke** only **1** is found in both **Matthew** and **Mark**

- a. Father **forgive** them. **Luke 23:34**
 - b. Today **you will be with me** in paradise. **Luke 23:43**
 - c. **Woman**, behold, your **son**! ...Behold, your mother! **John 19:26**
 - d. **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** ... **Matt 27:46** **Mark 15:34**
 - e. I **thirst**. **John 19:28**
 - f. It is **finished**. **John 19:30**
 - g. Father, into **Your hands** I commend my spirit. **Luke 23:46**
2. The first 3 statements probably happened between 9:00 AM and noon.

FROM NOON UNTIL 3:00 DARKNESS COVERED THE EARTH. Matt 27:45

When Jesus was born, there was light at midnight.

When Jesus was crucified, there was darkness at noon.

3. The last 4 statements all happen around 3:00 PM.
4. The first 3 statements were concerning the needs of others.
The last 4 statements express the experiences of Jesus.

1. Jesus **suffered** and **died in your place**

1. He bore our sins in his body. **1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)** **“He himself bore our sins”** in his body on the cross, **so that** we might die to sins and live for righteousness; **“by his wounds you have been healed.”**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Isaiah 53:6 (NIV) *We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

2. He received the punishment for our sins on the cross. **Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)** *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

Romans 3:25 (NIV) *God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

3. He was completely alone in His suffering. He could not feel the comfort of the Father's love. He experienced the wrath of God against sin.

2. The Father grieved for His Son

1. Darkness covered the earth for 3 hours as Jesus endured the suffering of our sins.

2. *“Jesus, being the infinite Son of God, was able to suffer in a finite period of time on the cross (a period of 3 hours), what you and I, being finite human beings, would have to suffer for an infinite period of time in Hell.”*

3. Luke says God caused the sun's light to fail. **Luke 23:44–45 (ESV)** *44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.*

What was Jesus doing in the darkness? EVEN IN THE DARKNESS JESUS TRUSTED GOD!

3. There are lessons for us to learn from this event

1. GOD IS HOLY!

2. SIN IS UGLY! a. sin alienates me from God b. sin distresses me c. sin condemns me

3. SALVATION IS COSTLY!

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND?

1. TURN FROM YOUR SIN & TRUST WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU Romans 3:22 (NLT) *We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.*
2. LIVE IN A STATE OF GRATITUDE Romans 5:11 (NLT) *“Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.”*
3. WHEN TEMPTED, RESIST THE DEVIL AND REMEMBER WHAT MY SIN COST JESUS 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT) *“God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. The ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”*
4. PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS 2 Peter 3:9 (GW) *“God is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.”*