



CROSS TALK
7 STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS

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EASTER 2014

FAMOUS LAST WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

❶ Father, _____ them...
(Luke 23:33,34; also see Isaiah 53:12)

❷ With _____ in _____... (Luke 23:40-43)
▶ One of the greatest prayers in the Bible: The penitent criminal admitted...
• He feared (believed in) God • He was guilty of sin • He was being justly punished
• Jesus was innocent • Jesus is King • He believed in the afterlife

EASTER PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, right here and now I admit that I believe in You. I acknowledge my guilt before You because of sin in my life. I deserve Hell, but I ask You for forgiveness & the gift of eternal life. You suffered & died in my place, so I accept Your sacrifice & invite You into my life as King. Remember me, Lord, I pray. Amen.

❸ Here is your _____... Here is your _____
(John 19:25-27)

❹ Why have You _____?
(Matthew 27:45-49; also see Psalm 22:1 & John 16:32)

▶ 2 Mysteries:

- supernatural _____
- complete _____

❺ I _____ (John 19:28-29; also see Psalm 69:21)

▶ John 7:37,38 - *Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.*

▶ Revelation 22:17 - *Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.*

❻ It is _____!
(John 19:30; also see Philippians 2:8)

❼ Into your _____ I _____ my _____.
(Luke 23:46; also see Psalm 31:5 and John 10:27-29)

- I'll join a 5 week LifeGroup this Spring Session.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time in my life today.
- I am re-committing my life to follow Jesus today.



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Lesson Aim: *To discuss the final words of Jesus on the Cross and their implications in knowing and following Him for us today.*

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

Ice-breaker: Have you seen any of the “faith-based” movies in theaters recently? Which ones and what did you think of them?

1. **READ Isaiah 53:12 & Luke 22:32-34.** Jesus shows us the amazing depth of His love as He actually prays for those who crucified Him. When we think about our own “enemies” (or people we just don’t get along with or who irritate us) why is the idea of praying for them so difficult?
2. What can we do to follow Jesus’ example of praying for our “enemies”? What are some specific things you can pray for these people?
3. Though the Romans physically laid hands on Jesus to crucify Him, what responsibility do we bear for Jesus’ death on the cross?
4. **READ Luke 22:35-43.** Why do you think one of the criminals insulted and mocked Jesus? Why do you think the other criminal rebuked his fellow thief? What did the criminal who turned to Jesus for mercy have to believe about Him?

5. When did you first realize you were like the second thief (guilty of sin and in need of Christ’s forgiveness)? If you’re not sure you agree with this, what doubts do you have?
6. **READ John 19:25-27.** What are the implications of Jesus’ Third Word for our own personal family relationships?
7. **READ Psalm 22:1-18 & Mark 15:33-36.** In what sense was Jesus forsaken? Why was this necessary? How does this Fourth Word reveal God’s love?
8. **READ John 19:28-29.** Why do you think the New Testament makes such a strong point about Jesus’ physical suffering? What difference would it make if Jesus were only a divine person who didn’t suffer on the cross?
9. **READ John 19:30.** Why did Jesus shout out the Sixth Word rather than say it quietly? What did He come to accomplish... to “finish”?
10. **READ Luke 23:43-49.** Why do you think Christ’s final words here were so powerful to the centurion and others who heard Him? How can this bring comfort and faith to our lives when we feel anxiety or depression setting in?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups**! Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.