

The Seven Last Words of Christ | Luke 23:34–46; John 19:26–30; Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

The Passion of the Christ

Pastor Woody Woodward continued our *Passion of the Christ* series with a moving reflection on the seven last statements Jesus made from the cross. Rather than a traditional sermon, this Good Friday message walked us through the final words of Christ—words filled with forgiveness, compassion, sorrow, fulfillment, and victory. Each phrase revealed the depth of Jesus' mission and His heart for humanity, even in the midst of unimaginable suffering.

Summary

From “Father, forgive them” to “It is finished” to “Into your hands I commit my spirit,” Jesus' last words form a tapestry of redemption. Pastor Woody led us through these phrases one by one, highlighting how Jesus ministered in His final breaths—offering salvation to a criminal, entrusting His mother to John, expressing both divine anguish and divine purpose. The sermon invited us to linger at the foot of the cross and consider the weight and wonder of Christ's sacrifice.

These seven final sayings are not random. They are a divine disclosure of love, justice, fulfillment, and glory. They echo throughout history and into our hearts, reminding us that Jesus' death was not the end—it was the victory of God's redemptive plan.

Key Takeaways

- Jesus' words from the cross were not accidental—they fulfilled prophecy and revealed divine love.
- Forgiveness is extended even to those who crucified Him—no one is beyond His grace.
- Jesus ministered to individuals from the cross: a thief, His mother, His disciple.
- His cry of abandonment shows He bore the full weight of sin on our behalf.
- “It is finished” is not defeat—it is the declaration that the work of salvation is complete.
- Jesus died willingly, entrusting His spirit to the Father, showing perfect obedience and peace.

Discussing and Applying the Sermon

- Which of Jesus' last words spoke to you most personally? Why?
- How do these statements help you understand the heart and mission of Jesus more clearly?
- Why is it significant that Jesus offered forgiveness and relationship while on the cross?
- What does “It is finished” mean for how you approach your relationship with God?
- How can you live in response to the love Jesus displayed in His final moments?

About *The Passion of the Christ*

This series explores the final hours of Jesus' life leading up to the resurrection. Each message focuses on a different moment in the Passion narrative, revealing the depth of Christ's love, the gravity of our sin, and the invitation to follow Him as Savior and King.