

Seven Last Words

Trust

Luke 23:44-47

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Luke 23 ⁴⁴ By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ⁴⁵ The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent." (NLT)

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF JESUS' DEATH

1. He died **VOLUNTARILY**.

John 10 ¹⁸ No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. (NLT)

2. He died **CONFIDENTLY**.

Luke 23 ⁴⁶ Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" (NLT)

3. He died **TRUSTING GOD**.

Psalms 31 ⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit. (NIV)

Matthew 8 ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. (NIV)

WHAT TRUTHS CAN WE LEARN FROM THESE WORDS?

1. Our Heavenly Father **LOVES US**.

Luke 11 ² Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. (NMB)

John 16 ²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father. (NIV)

Psalms 103 ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. (NIV)

2. Our Heavenly Father **CAN BE TRUSTED**.

Psalms 33 ⁴ For the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does. (NLT)

2 Timothy 1 ¹² That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return. (NLT)

3. Our Heavenly Father cares for things **WE CAN'T SEE**.

2 Corinthians 4 ¹⁷ *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (NIV)*

4. Our Heavenly Father can handle anything **WE PUT IN HIS HANDS**.

Isaiah 62 ³ *The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see— a splendid crown in the hand of God. (NLT)*

John 10 ²⁸ *I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. (NIV)*

2 Corinthians 1 ⁸ *I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed... ⁹ We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. (TLB)*

Action Step:

ENTRUST YOUR ENTIRE LIFE TO GOD!