

# Jesus' Most Comforting Last Words

## Galatians 4:4-7

### Introduction:

1. In times of suffering and distress some turn to quotes, poems, books, friends
  2. Jesus, while agonizing on the cross, He turns to His Father and says some of the most comforting words WHILE HE WAS DISTRESSED to help us with our distress, our greatest problem-lost in sin.
  3. The greatest and most comforting message from the cross is that it had to happen, it had to be accomplished, so that He could say "it is finished," and for salvation to be brought down.
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- I. Luke 23:34 - Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."
    - A. Jesus here models His own teaching on love and forgiveness of His enemies (Luke 6:27-36 - "...love your enemies...")
    - B. Reference to Psalm 22:18 where His clothes were divided, He was hanging naked.
    - C. Luke 23:35 - The accusation was that He was able to save others (diseases, forgive sins, save the thief) but does not have the power to save Himself.
    - D. One is forced to see that Jesus' salvation of others came at the expense of His own.
  - II. Luke 23:43 - "Truly I say unto you, today you shall be with me in paradise."
    - A. The thief's own guilty verdict made him understand that it was not the time to accuse the innocent.
    - B. The thief understood some things that others did not:
      1. Jesus was innocent, He had done nothing wrong.
      2. His death would lead to the Kingdom.
      3. He knew salvation cannot come without confessing faith in Jesus.
      4. That Jesus accepts all types of sinners (Luke 19:10 -He came to seek and save the lost).
  - III. John 19:26 - "Woman, behold your son, son, behold your mother."
    - A. While suffering an agonizing death, shamefully naked, He made sure to fulfill His eldest Son duties: Honor father and mother.
    - B. Jesus' life came in second or even last place, others came first.

- IV. Mark 15:34 - "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
  - A. Psalm 22 - Jesus was not compelling, but was declaring victory. Surely, confounding the people who knew the Psalms.
  - B. Jesus never doubted His victory over death and to be returned at the right hand of God (Psalm 22:27-31)
- V. John 19:28 - "I thirst"
  - A. Jesus' need for water demonstrates His humanity and His needs to be refreshed
  - B. Jesus' statement helps us know that Jesus understands our needs.
- VI. John 19:30 - *tetelestai* (said at least 6 times - Psalm 69:21) - "It is finished!"
  - A. The plan has been fulfilled, the journey has ended, it is time.
  - B. Bowing His head was a sign of His total submission and obedience to His Abba Father.
  - C. Nothing else would be necessary, the plan was FINISHED. There would be no need for another sacrifice (Romans 6:10)
- VII. Luke 23:46 - "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit."
  - A. Jesus had been resolute to end His life as a sacrifice (Luke 9:51)
  - B. He would not be dissuaded, not even Peter could stop Him because this was the divine Plan since before the world was created.
  - C. Luke 12:50 Jesus was distressed (anxious), during the time leading up to His crucifixion.
  - D. When He breathed His last He knew that He would resurrect, He had complete and total confidence.
  - E. This allowed Him never to take His eyes off the prize.

Conclusión:

1. Hebrews 12:1 - Jesus ran the race from the day he was baptized by John the Baptist without looking back, without stopping, and without remorse.
2. He was going through immense suffering, but the reward was spiritual.