

# Seven Statements from the Cross!

## Last Words of Jesus on Earth!

John 19: 17-30

Luke 23: 33-46

Matthew and Mark majored on one statement... "My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me?"

But Luke and John recorded the other six statements.

What are they?

1. A Prayer, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do" Recorded by Luke!
2. "Today, thou shalt be with me in Paradise" Also recorded by Luke!
3. "Woman, behold thy son!" "Behold thy mother" Recorded by John!
4. "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me?" Recorded by Matthew and Mark! The only thing they recorded that He said.
5. "I Thirst" Recorded by John!
6. "It is Finished" – 5055 – (accomplished) (completed) Recorded by John!
7. "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit" Recorded by Luke!

Every one of these has wonderful implications.

1. Forgiving them was Christ's way of giving them another opportunity...
2. Forgiving the thief gave us knowledge about where and when he would be. Ignoring the other gave us an understanding of how those who reject Christ would be treated.
3. Taking care of His Mother fulfilled the law as well as declared a lot about his relationship to John.
4. Being forsaken by God was an event that needed to take place but also underscored the seriousness of being left without God's presence for only three hours and just how painful it was.
5. "I Thirst" was a statement that declared the coming of the Kingdom. Note He rejected the vinegar mingled with gall in Matthew 27: 34 but He took the vinegar only at the very end. We also must notice that all four gospels mentions this. In Matthew 27: 34, He was offered vinegar mingled with gall and He rejected, it but in vs 48 He received it when it was only vinegar. This is also recorded in Mark 15: 36, Luke 23: 36 and three places in John 19: 28, 29 & 30. And it is

important to note that the word here for vinegar is 3690—vine gar ---sour wine or products of the vine! This is first mentioned in Numbers 6: 3 where the Nazarite vow is given. Why is this important? See Luke 22: 18 ***“Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.”***

**6. “It is Finished” ---What is finished?**

In John 15 He told them that He was going to create a group of close friends that would represent Him!

In John 16 He told them that because of what He was about to do the Spirit called the Comforter would come and He would reprove the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. He, the Comforter, would teach them the things that they could not understand then. He will glorify the Son, He will give you peace.

In John 17 He said that when He finished His work, the word of God would have been delivered, the world would know that He had been sent by God, True Joy would be delivered to the earth, the ability for His followers to be Sanctified would now be available, becoming one with God and one with each other would be available, becoming complete would now be available...

**7. The prayer, “Father, into thine hands I commit my spirit”** Here we get a picture of the followers of God through Jesus. We will step out of our bodies and go away to later return and pick up our bodies and it will be change into a body that will live forever. A glorified and immortal body.

These last words declares one last message or messages, the invitation is to all of us, how will we respond to these declarations?