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THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

Objectives

Knowledge of God’s Will	Jesus paid the penalty for our sins.
Knowledge of God	God is love. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb and the living water.
Good Work	Live a life of obedience. Be willing to suffer for God. Commit our lives to God.

Introduction

Jesus was silent in front of His enemies because He knew that His death was necessary for our salvation. But there are a few words that Jesus spoke while on the cross, known collectively as “the seven sayings.” Though brief, each phrase offers a wealth of meaning.

1. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Lk 23:34)

There is no better display of Jesus’ love than this: that He asked God to forgive those people who had tortured and humiliated Him in the cruelest manner possible.

- *Jesus has shown what are forgiveness, mercy, and love and asks that we show the same to others.*

2. “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (Lk 23:43)

Jesus continued to fulfill His purpose in life: to bring hope to the hopeless and salvation to the lost.

- *God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart.*

3. “Woman, behold your son!” (Jn 19:26) “Behold your mother!” (Jn 19:27)

Even while in pain, Jesus made sure to take care of His mother, who was surely grieving at the sight of her Son, bloodied and beaten on the cross.

- *These commands serve as a brilliant summation of His life and teachings on the essence of love.*

4. “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Mt 27:46)

Because Jesus bore our sins, God shunned Jesus at Jesus’ most trying time in His life. The spiritual agony of being forsaken by God is beyond human understanding, and this agony caused Jesus to cry out these words.

- *We should always examine our zeal towards God and repay His greatest love and grace.*

5. “I thirst!” (Jn 19:28)

This powerful statement fulfilled the Scriptures, proved that Jesus died in the flesh for our sins, and showed that He accepted the cup of God’s will. It is a reflection of Jesus’ offering of living water for all of us.

- *The water that Jesus offers us is the fountain of water that will spring up into everlasting life.*

6. “It is finished!” (Jn 19:30)

God’s great plan was finally accomplished because Jesus was obedient to the end.

- *The most important thing for all of God’s believers to do is to live in obedience to His will.*

7. “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’” (Lk 23:46)

The hope of a Christian today lies not in this life, but in the eternity of life after death. With these words, Jesus fulfilled His mission on earth and removed the barrier between God and us.

- *By committing our lives to Him and calling ourselves His children, we can approach God as our Father, with boldness and assurance in faith.*

