

The Last Words of

Jesus

Week 3

We know **WORDS** matter.

Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

Psalm 22:24

For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

On the cross, Jesus was **BROKEN** but he was not **HOPELESS**.

Psalm 22:30-31

³⁰Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

God is at work even in our **FORSAKEN** spaces.

Matthew 27:51-52 [NET]

⁵¹Just then the temple curtain was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks were split apart. ⁵²And tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had died were raised.

The work of Jesus means we are NEVER alone.

Matthew 28:20 [NLT]

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."



Where have you become convinced you are ALONE?

:: Ask for eyes to see where God is at WORK.

:: Cling to HOPE even in brokenness.

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Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

:: *What has God revealed to you about himself through this series?*

:: *Pastor Jeremiah said, “God is at work ~~even~~ especially in our forsaken spaces.” Why is this significant?*

:: *Read Matthew 27:45-53*

:: *How was God at work in the ‘forsaken space’ of Jesus on the cross?*

:: *Why do you think the writer focused on these last words more than others?*

:: *Read Psalm 22.*

:: *What are some of your initial observations from this passage?*

:: *What elements of Jesus’ crucifixion do you see in this Scripture?*

:: *Where do you see God at work in forsaken spaces here?*

:: *What are ways you have clung to hope in brokenness? What did you learn in that experience?*

:: *What are ways we can make ourselves more aware of where God is at work around us?*

:: *What area of life did you identify where you’ve felt alone?*

:: *Share this with one person who will commit to pray for you in this area.*

How to start a relationship with Jesus:

1) Admit that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.

2) Ask God to forgive your sins.

3) Say YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do Your will.

In Your name, amen.

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