

The Last Words of

Jesus

Week 1

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

:: There is **NOTHING** Jesus won't forgive.

1 Peter 3:18 (NLT)

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God.

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being praise his holy name. ² Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits. ³ who forgives all your sin and heals all your diseases ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

:: Forgiveness is a **GATEWAY** to healing.

1 Peter 2:24

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

Luke 5:22-25

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the

paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

:: Jesus intends for us to [RECEIVE](#) and [EXTEND](#) forgiveness.

Matthew 18:26-27

But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.' ²⁷ Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

Matthew 18:32-33

Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.



:: Receiving and extending forgiveness always involves a [CHOICE](#).

Where do you need to [CHOOSE](#) to receive or extend forgiveness today?



Notes:

*O Son of God, do a miracle for me and change my heart.
Thy having taken flesh to redeem me was more difficult
than to transform my wickedness.*

15th Century Irish Prayer

Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

:: *What about this weekend's message did you find encouraging, challenging, or surprising?*

:: *Re-read Luke 23:34. Jesus speaks these words after being tortured, mocked, beaten, and nailed to the cross. How do Jesus' last words here expand your understanding of His forgiveness?*

:: *How does this display that "there is nothing Jesus won't forgive?"*

:: *Pastor Justin said, "Forgiveness is a gateway to healing." Do you agree with this? Where have you seen this truth displayed in your life or in someone around you?*

:: *Read Matthew 18:21-35 & Colossians 3:13. What do these passages share about Jesus' intent for us to receive and extend forgiveness?*

:: *Is there an area of your life you need to choose to receive forgiveness for today or someone you need to choose to forgive?*

:: *Share this or whatever 'next step' the Holy Spirit is leading you to take with someone, and ask them to join you in praying that your willingness to forgive will be a gateway to you experiencing healing that you never thought possible.*

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 because you believe Today, I choose to 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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