



## MESSAGE/SERIES:

**Series:** Seven Sayings

**Message:** “*WORDS of the Savior*”

**Text:** Matthew 28:6

**DATE:** April 2-4, 2021

## SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

**Isaiah 53:7-12, Philippians 2:5-11, (1) Luke 23:34, (2) Luke 23:42-43, (3) John 19:25-26, (4) Matthew 27:46, (5) John 19:28, (6) John 19:30, (7) Luke 23:46, Romans 3:25, 1 Peter 1:19-20, John 10:18, 19:28-30, John 19:31-33 (they did not break his legs), Matthew 27:54 (the Centurion knew), Matthew 28:6**

## OPENING SCRIPTURE:

**[Matthew 28:1-6]** *“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”*

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Mt 28:1–6.*

But before we can celebrate an empty tomb we must meditate on **the words from the cross of Jesus...**

I. **[FIRST SAYING] LUKE 23:34** “Father, **forgive them**, for they know not what they do.”

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 23:34.*

**This is Jesus’ prayer for our salvation...**

- **“Forgive them”**- Forgiveness was the mission & God’s satisfaction was the means by which it would come
  - *Unless Jesus died God could not forgive (His Holiness/Justice)*
  - *Jesus’ love for us is seen here (Love for His bride)*
  - *Jesus had forgiven sins in His ministry identifying himself as God*
  - *On the cross Jesus is speaking as our substitute/ the sacrifice & savior*
  
- **“They”**- Acts 13:26-33a, Acts 3:17 Ignorance of Jews and Gentiles alike who crucified Jesus
  - *The Jews and the Gentiles in Jerusalem did not know Jesus was the Son of God*
  - *They did not recognize the prophecies that were being fulfilled by Jesus*
  - *1 Timothy 1:13- God has mercy on ignorant and malicious people (Paul)*
  - *The “they” is also everyone who will ever believe on the name of Jesus as all of our sins put Jesus on the cross*
  - *John 17:20- Jesus prayed in the Garden for you and me well before He spoke these words from the cross*
  - *God’s forgiveness was contingent in a real time sense*

= Love and forgiveness was always on the heart of Jesus

=Justice and holiness was on the mind of the Father

=Both were accomplished as Jesus satisfied the holiness of God and gained mercy for us

II. **[SECOND SAYING] LUKE 23:42-43** “And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, **today you will be with me in paradise.**”

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 23:42–43.

This thief was unworthy but recognized that Jesus was not like them and He was sinless. Jesus was drawing at this one thief to believe in Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. The man expresses a faith that God had given... a visual of Jesus at the Spirit of God had revealed to His heart. The other criminal was not drawn and reveals the sinful man who even in receiving his just reward is still blind to who Jesus is to the lost world.

- **“Today”**
  - *There is a comfort in knowing that at death we are with Jesus*
    - **2 Corinthians 5:8** “Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.”
  - *In death we are assured to be with Christ and not in Spirit sleep*
  - *The Physical body awaits glorification at the Lord’s return*
- **“You will be with me in Paradise”**
  - *Jesus would die as well as the criminal and they would both end up in Abraham’s bosom (center of the earth) where all of the dead were being held up until Jesus’ death (as the payment for sins had not been made)*
  - *Jesus would lead all of the captives out of the paradise side of Abraham’s bosom and Hades became hell from there forward (Luke 16:19-31, Ephesians 4:8-10)*
    - Hell is still in the center of the earth until the final judgement
    - Heaven is the place Christians go as Jesus closed the door on Paradise and brought Christians to the Father for safekeeping

= Jesus assured the man with faith that His sins were forgiven, therefore no matter what we have done we can know Jesus will forgive

=Jesus was able to speak into the heart of the dying man and give him peace as to where he was going based on His faith alone (works had no bearing on this man)

=Beautiful picture of Justification by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)

III. **[THIRD SAYING] JOHN 19:25-26** “Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!””

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 19:25–26.*

Jesus had compassion for the life Mary and John would have to live until they came to be with him and He expresses compassion on the life they would have to live in the interim. This life matters. Jesus provides for us in this life.

- Jesus is the example to all children of Honoring your father and mother (Ephesians 6:1-2)
- Jesus Honored and respected His mother as He commands us
- Jesus provided for His mother even in death
  - *Even in Jesus suffering, He had Mary on His mind*
  - *Even in His suffering He thought through the best plan for Mary and John was the man who best knew Jesus’ heart and to John, He gave the honor of adopted son in His stead*

= Jesus had earthly provisions on His mind even while He was dying

=Jesus had presents of mind to plan well for His mother even in His suffering

IV. **[FOURTH SAYING] MATTHEW 27:46** “About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**” that is, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”

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Most likely this statement was originally in Aramaic language which is mostly what Jesus spoke. Jesus intended on everyone hearing what He said here as the other saying may have been heard by only a few people, this statement is amplified.

- **“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”**
  - *Jesus who had been in perfect fellowship and union with the father for all eternity is now separated for a period of time from the Father because of our sins*
    - Romans 6:23 *“the wages of sin is death (Spiritual death/separation from God)...”*
    - Jesus experiences the most dreaded penalty because of us
    - God turned His face away from Jesus due to sins of the elect place on Him
  - *The ultimate need of the soul is God’s presence (Psalm 42:1)*
    - Jesus, due to God’s Justice had to separate Himself from His perfect Son in order to do what must be done= Punish Jesus for our sins
  - *This ultimate penalty expresses both perfect justice and perfect love at the same time*
  - *This statement should make us thankful and longing for God’s fellowship in our lives both now and through eternity in a closer sense due to the absence of sin*

= The Son was forsaken for us to have fellowship with God

=The Son loved us enough to give the ultimate sacrifice

=The Father’s Justice is so pure that He could not fail in punishing sin

=The Love within the trinity is displayed as Jesus shouts the greatest tragedy in all of eternity (The Father and Son were separated because of the Sin of the world for us)

V. **[FIFTH SAYING] JOHN 19:28 “After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”**

- Even in His suffering Jesus thought through every prophecy and fulfilled every prophecy (Psalm 69:21)
- Jesus thirst reveals the depths of His suffering as Dehydration would have caused great pain and suffering
  - **Symptoms of Severe Dehydration:**
    - Feeling dizzy.
    - **Rapid heartbeat.**
    - Rapid breathing.
    - Sunken eyes.
    - Sleepiness,
    - **lack of energy,**
    - confusion
    - Feeling very Faint
  
- The severe pain He was in was the consequences of His obedience to the Father (there is often suffering that is ordained of God)
- The Sour wine is not to be confused with the wine and myrrh mix that was offered and rejected by Jesus in Mark 15:23
  - *Jesus wanted to feel the full brunt of suffering for us (didn't take the easy way out as the myrrh would have been a pain killer)*
  - *Jesus was fully human and felt the most extreme pain a human can feel (defeats Gnostic belief that Jesus was Spirit and not flesh)*
  - *Jesus had human needs and Spiritual needs with the Father- here we see that Jesus pressed on and did not call 10,000 angels but stayed the course to meet the eternal need of the elect*

*=This statement from Jesus is here to remind us that Jesus was fully human and suffered the greatest suffering man has ever experienced for us*

*=This statement is here to remind us that Jesus pressed through the Physical pain to finish the mission/ He never gave up*

VI. **[SIXTH SAYING]** JOHN 19:30 “When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

- This Sixth statement is the victorious cry of fallen yet redeemed man
- Jesus had paid the account in full (Penal Substitution)
- Jesus paid the price for every sin you have ever and will ever commit for every person who will ever call upon the name of the Lord as He knew you before the foundations of the earth (Romans 8:28-29, Ephesians 1)
- The “It” represents redemption... **Redemption is complete because Jesus paid the price**
- “It” focuses on the wrath that was being poured out on Jesus by the Father
- Jesus knew when the last sin was paid for and that it was time to commit His Spirit to the Father (Suffering had to happen before death)
- When and only when God’s perfect wrath was satisfied could it be finished

**John 5:36** “*But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”*  
*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 5:36–40.*

**John 17:4** “*I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”*  
*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 17:4–5.*

**2 Corinthians 11:10-11** “*...always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.”*  
*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 2 Co 4:10–11.*

= There will never be a sin the redeemed can commit that the blood of Jesus does not cover as His payment was complete and final for all who will believe

= We must live life in light of His death knowing that we will never suffer more than the Lord did.

= We must live life knowing the deceiver was dealt with on the cross of Jesus.  
The battle is over for our soul

= The life we live is working out our salvation with fear and trembling and not making light of the sacrifice Jesus made

## VII. **[SEVENTH SAYING] LUKE 23:46** “Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “**Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit!**” And having said this he breathed his last.”

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 23:46.

- **Jesus quoted Psalm 31:5** “ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.”
- Jesus knew that He could them fall into the arms of Jesus as the mission was complete
  - *The Fathers’ protection*
  - *Return to the Fathers’ Kingdom (Absent of Sin/Spiritual Kingdom)*
  - *Death of Jesus defeated (Spiritual death) the separation from the Father forever for those who will believe in Jesus*
- Jesus really did die and His death was validated
  - *The spear in the side and the witness of many witnesses*
- Jesus gave up His life and it was not taken from Him
  - *They did not break His legs as He had already given up His life so that man could not claim to have taken His life (John 19:33)*
- This was the final cry of dedication to the Father
- The Curtain ripped from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51)
- This statement was complete trust between the Father and the Son
- As the Vale was torn between the Holy of Holies
  - *Man was permitted into God’s presence because of Jesus*
  - *The temple worship was rendered useless and the temple became the heart of man*
  - *Ceremonial law was done away with at that moment as Jesus had fulfilled all of the law of God*

