Sev7en Last Words on the Cross

Words of Provision John 19:28

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Last words are usually lasting testimonies. Jesus uttered seven statements before He died. These seven statements of Jesus on the cross were not just the words of any dying man. These are words of God giving encouragement and revelation for all to hear. His last three statements focus on himself, His body, John 19;28-29, His soul, 19:30, and His Spirit, Luke 23:46. Each one is real food for our souls! Enjoying the Journey, PJ

1. *“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”* Luke 23:34
2. *“Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”* Luke 23:43
3. *“Woman, behold your son…behold your mother.”* John 19:26, 27
4. *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”* Matt 27:46
5. *“I thirst.”* John 19:28

**Passage**: John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

**Big Idea:** Jesus quenches our deepest thirst. He is the real thirst quencher.

1. All of mankind is thirsty.

John 19:28… “I thirst”

Psalm 69:21 They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink. ( I Corinthians 15:3, Exodus 12:22)

Psalm 22:15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  you lay me in the dust of death.

Haggai 1:6 You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

Ecclesiastes 2:11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. (Eccl.3:11)

John 4:13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

“The question is not how can this man live in complete freedom. The proper question is which freedom is the most important? Real freedom comes from a strategic loss of some freedoms in order to gain others. It is not an absence of constraints but the right freedoms to lose.” Timothy Keller

**Jesus experienced intense thirst to quench our soul’s thirst.**

1. Jesus was thirsty to quench the thirst of mankind.

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” (Mark 4:38, Matthew 21:18, John 11:35, Mark 1:35, Luke 10:21, John 11:33).

I Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man  Christ Jesus.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Philippians 2:7-9

John 4:14but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

**Our soul’s thirst is quenched when it surrenders to Jesus. It stays quenched as I keep yielding to Him.**

1. Raise up an army of followers who thirst after God.

John 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

“Everything we eat has died so that we may live. The bread we eat: not only did the grain die but it had to be broken into pieces. What will it take to change our hearts draw it away from its inordinate attachment to other things, and turn it away from the food that spoils.” Keller

I John 3:3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1. I thirst for you God.

Psalm 42:1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  When shall I come and appear before God?

1. I thirst for your righteousness.

Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

1. I thirst for your work to be done.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

1. I thirst for your will to be done.

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come,  your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

1. I thirst for others to find God.

Isaiah 58:10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness   and your gloom be as the noonday.  11 And the LORD will guide you continually  and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,

John 17:4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

**Do you thirst for Jesus? Because He thirsted for you!**

"Let me challenge you today. Do not allow anything to satisfy your thirst apart from Jesus in your life; not alcohol, not relationships, not material possession...s, not anything. These earthly things promise to satisfy our thirsts in so many areas of life, but they are not capable of doing so; though we drink deeply, we will always come up thirsty again. Instead, replace every earthly source of satisfaction with Jesus Christ. a life fulfilled in Jesus Christ is fully and completely satisfied. Seek Jesus Christ and live!", not anything. These earthly things promise to satisfy our thirst in so many areas of our life, but they are not capable of doings so, though we drink deeply. We will always come up thirsty again. Instead replace every earthly source of satisfaction with Jesus Christ, a life fulfilled in Jesus Christ is a fully and completely satisfied. Seek Jesus and live. Jared Denaro These earthly things promise to satisfy our thirsts in so many areas of life, but they are not capable of doing so; though we drink deeply, we will always come up thirsty again. Instead, replace every earthly source of satisfaction with Jesus Christ. a life fulfilled in Jesus Christ is fully and completely satisfied. Seek Jesus Christ and live!"These earthly things promise to satisfy our thirsts in so many areas of life, but they are not capable of doing so; though we drink deeply, we will always come up thirsty again. Instead, replace every earthly source of satisfaction with Jesus Christ. a life fulfilled in Jesus Christ is fully and completely satisfied. Seek Jesus Christ and live!"

**Spiritual Growth Questions:**

1. How is going with your reading plan? **Sun**. Matthew 5, **Mon**. Matthew 6, **Tues.** Matt. 7, **Wed.** **& Thurs**. reflection, **Friday** Matthew 8 **Saturday** Matthew 9. Share a truth you are learning.
2. **Read John 19:28-29, Psalm 69:21, Psalm 22:15**. Write down as many observations as you can about these passages. What is the significance of the fulfillment of these prophesies?
3. **Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-12, Haggai 1:6.** Write down the various areas the writer tried to deal with the thirst of his humanity. Discuss what the similarities or differences between then and now.
4. **Read Mark 4:38, Matthew 21:18, John 11:35, Mark 1:35, Luke 10:21, John 11:33**, **19:28**. Write down what Jesus experienced in these verses. Why is this helpful for us? Reflect on Hebrews 4:15.
5. **Read John 19:28-29 & Exodus 12:22.** What connection do you see between these two passages? How does it make you worship Jesus more?
6. Consider this statement: “Jesus experienced thirst so I could have my thirst quenched.” **Read John 4:14,6:35, 51, 58, 7:37**. Write down the promise Jesus is making in these verses. How do these promises speak to your soul?
7. **Read Matthew 5:6**, **Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1**. Why is being thirsty for God a good thing? What promise does God give to those who thirst for Him? How can you increase your thirst for God?
8. **Read Isaiah 58:10-11.** How can being a part of God’s work to quench thirsty souls help quench your thirst?
9. **Spend some time discerning what are you thirsting after?** Is there something in your life deceiving you into thinking it will quench your thirst? Pray for a greater hunger after the things of God.

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