

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JUNE 30, 2021
MATTHEW 27:44; LUKE 23.39-44; JOHN 19.25-27

INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus said very little in defense of those who accused Him. (Matt. 27.12,13; John 19.10,11)
2. From the cross, Jesus spoke seven times. What is the significance of His dying words?
 - a) **LUKE 6.45:** *“For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”*
 - b) As Jesus was dying, we have insight into what was in His heart.

I. HIS LAST WORDS SPOKE TO THE THIEF

- A. Setting the scene.
 1. Initially, Jesus was reviled by both robbers. (Matt. 27.44).
 2. There was a change in the heart of one of the robbers. (Luke 23.39-41)
 3. **LUKE 23.42:** *“Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”*
- B. **LUKE 23.43:** *“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”*
 1. “Assuredly” (amen): Literally, “faithful and true” (Rev. 3.14)
 2. *“I say to you.”* Present, active, singular. Jesus spoke directly to this thief saying that these words will always be true.
 3. *“Today”* In the midst of all his suffering, this thief could look to immediate relief.
 4. *“You will be with Me in Paradise”*
 - a) There is comfort to know that we will be with Jesus. (John 14.3; 1 Thess. 4.17,18)
 - b) There is comfort to know that we will be in Paradise. (Luke 16.22,25)
- C. How important is repentance? (Acts 17.30,31; Luke 13.3; Acts 2.4,38)

II. HIS LAST WORDS SPOKE TO HIS MOTHER

- A. Setting the scene.
 1. **JOHN 19.25:** *“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus”* Not the Lord or Christ, but Jesus. They were there because of their relationship with the One they loved.
 2. **JOHN 19.25:** *“His mother, His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene”* (Luke 2.19, 49-51; cf. Mark 15.40; Luke 8.2,3)
 3. **JOHN 19.26:** *“When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved”* The word “saw” suggests a quick glance. The word “love” is ongoing.
- B. **JOHN 19.26:** *“Woman, behold your son.”*
 1. To whom was Jesus directing her attention?
 2. In application, the home is where there is to be a deep love and sense of responsibility toward each other. (Eph. 5.25; Titus 2.4; 1 Tim. 5.8)
- C. **JOHN 19.27:** *“Then He said to the disciple, ‘Behold your mother!’”*
 1. Why would Jesus put the care of His mother into the hands of John?
 - a) John is the apostle known for his love. (117 out of 285 times or 41%).
 - b) John was the “disciple whom Jesus loved.” (John 19.26; John 21.20,21)
 - c) John was possibly the most humble of the disciples.
 2. **JOHN 19.27:** *“And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.”* When Jesus was resurrected, to whom did John share the good news? (John 20.1-10)