



# Fellowship Groups

## “Seven Word from the Cross”

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The Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross are a wonderful commentary in his own words of Forgiveness, Salvation, Relationship, Atonement, Suffering, Victory and Security.

### 1. Luke 23:34 – Forgiveness

- Who, was Jesus referring to?
- As Christian believers, how does your awareness of God's forgiveness affect how YOU offer forgiveness in your life to others?

### 2. Luke 23:39-43 – Salvation

- How can we use the following words and verses to describe Salvation?
  - Simplicity – Acts 16:30-31
  - Need & faith - Luke 23:41
  - Position/Status as a Sinner – 1 Timothy 1:15
  - Works – Eph 2:8,9
  - Eternal Consequences – Luke 23:39-43
  - Urgency – Rev 3:20, 1 Thes. 4:16

### 3. John 19:26,27 – Relationship

The Second Word from the cross brought salvation to the sinner, but the Third Word introduces us to the wider implications of this great salvation.

- Jesus shows care and concern for His mother Mary while on the cross. However, why did he refer to her as “Dear woman” and not “Mother.” Is this significant?
- What is the nature of the relationship between believers and the Lord Jesus?

### 4. Matt. 27:46 – Atonement

Compare Matthew 27:46 “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” with John 16:32b “...Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me” How can you reconcile these statements?

### 5. John 19:28 – Suffering

- Why is it important to understand Jesus suffered on the cross? Why is this significant to know?

## 6. John 19:30 – Victory

The Greek word "tetelestai" is literally translated to "It is finished" is used twice in scripture: John 19:28 ("After this, when Jesus knew that all things were now **completed**, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, he said, 'I thirst.'" and v30 "**It is finished**," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Tetelestai was used in Greco-Roman culture in different ways—all of them illustrative of Jesus' finished work on the cross.

Consider the use of "It is Finished" in each reference to each type of person below and discuss how the Lord Jesus can be compared to each with reference to the work completed on the cross:

An **Artist** – The **Artist** has the last word as to the meaning of the painting—not the art critic.

A **Servant** - The Servant knows if his work has been completed and approved by the Master—not a stranger.

A **Judge** – The Judge determines the sentence, it's execution, and it's satisfaction—not the convicted criminal.

A **Priest** – The Priest determines if one's sacrifice is acceptable to God—not the sinner.

A **Merchant** – The Merchant determined if a debt was paid—not the debtor.

A **Soldier** – The Victorious Warrior determined the future of his combatant—not the defeated enemy.

## 7. Luke 23:46 - Security

The **First Word** from the Cross begins with Jesus addressing His Father - "**Father forgive...**" and now it begins the last Word, "**Father, into Your hands...**" God, the Father, had accepted the sin offering made by Jesus, as would soon be demonstrated by his resurrection from the dead.

In whom did the Lord have security? Did Jesus' life just ebb (wane, decrease, lessen) away? (see John 10:18) How is this an example to believers?