

FINAL WORDS

SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS

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BEHOLD, YOUR SAVIOR

Sacrificial Love on Full Display

NOTES:

REVIEW:

Statement #1: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Luke 23:3

Statement #2: "Today you will be with me in paradise" Luke 23:39-43

FOCUS PASSAGE: John 19:25-27

[Now] standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby,
he said to his mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**"

27 Then he said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**"
And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

John 19:25-27 ESV

We see a picture of...

THE _____ OF CHRIST—Jesus cares deeply about our pain & needs. (v26)

- He sees our deeper hurts & needs.
- He is never apathetic to our suffering.
- He will not stop caring for His own.

Psalm 34:18 ESV The LORD is close to the **brokenhearted**;
he rescues those whose spirits are **crushed**.

Matthew 9:36 ESV When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion** for them,
because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
(see also: John 11:35; Hebs 4:15; Matt 14:14)

We see a picture of...

THE _____ OF CHRIST—Jesus creates for us a new faith-family. (vv. 26b, 27)

- A family built not by biology, but by faith, thru the blood of Christ.
- A family bound not by earthly ties, but by heavenly ones, thru the love of Christ.

John 1:12 ESV But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave
the right to become **children of God**,

Ephesians 2:19 NET So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but
you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household,
(see also: Eph 1:3-6; 2:19-22; Rom 8:14-17; 1 John 3:1-2)

AT THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE SEE
SACRIFICIAL-LOVE ON FULL DISPLAY.

Luke 2:34-35 GNB
Simeon blessed them and said
to Mary, his mother, "This child
is chosen by God for the
destruction and the salvation
of many in Israel. He will be a
sign from God which many
people will speak against
35 and so reveal their secret
thoughts. **And sorrow, like a
sharp sword,
will break your own heart.**"

Mary: an example of
true faithfulness. (v.25)

John: an example of
true friendship. (vv.26a,27)

Mary & John: examples of true
discipleship. (v.27b)

We see a picture of...

THE _____ OF CHRIST—Jesus commissions us to give & demonstrate his love to others. (vv. 26b, 27)

- *He entrusts us with divine assignments.*

Ephesians 2:10 ESV *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works (actions /deeds), which God prepared beforehand (divine assignments), that we should walk in them.*

John 13:34-35 GNB ... *As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."*

2 Corinthians 5:18,19 NET ... *he has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

We see a picture of...

THE _____ OF CHRIST—Jesus secures for us everything we need.

- *He has compassion for our pain, and he provides for our deepest needs, namely our need for forgiveness & salvation.*
- *He creates for us a new faith-family and cements our adoption.*
- *He commissions us for new purposes—that help others receive his love.*
- *He secures for us a future and a forever-home.*

(see also: 1 Cor1:18; Rom 5:1-2, 8-11; Heb 9:24,25; Heb 10:1-4, 10-13)

"Behold, your Savior"

*He redeems our _____, gives purpose to our _____,
and secures our _____.*

Those who love Christ best shall have the honour of taking care of his church and of his poor. Never say of any poor relative or friend, the widow or the fatherless, "They are a great burden to me." Oh, no! Say, "They are a great honour to me; my Lord has entrusted them to my care." ... Take them gladly, and treat them well.

-Charles Spurgeon

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SONGS

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

NO LONGER SLAVES

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

MAN OF SORROWS

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$39,654.20

2025 Giving vs Need: \$69,982.61 Below Need

Altamont Expansion Fund (3/7/25): \$214,652.51

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