

# FINAL WORDS

## SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS

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**"I THIRST"**  
John 19:28-29

NOTES:

**REVIEW: "My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" - Matthew 27:46**

**FOCUS VERSE:** John 19:28-29

**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.

**1. Christ's Thirst Reflects His \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phil 2:5b** ...Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

**Psalms 22:15** My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death."

**Psalms 69:21** They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

**2. Christ's Thirst Reveals His True \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phil 2:8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Psalms 63:1** O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**3. Christ's Thirst Points Towards His Future \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phil 2:9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Jesus's Glory in Revelation Chapter 5:

**The 4 Living Creatures & 24 Elders (v9):** *"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,"*

**Thousands of Angels (v12):** *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*

**Every Creature in Heaven and on Earth (v13):** *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

### 4. Christ Endured Thirst So We Would \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 1:17b-18** *"Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."*

**John 4:14** *"But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

### Application/Reflection Questions:

1. Jesus set aside his Godhood in order to miraculously come to the Earth as a humble, human servant (Phil. 2:5-7). He experienced what we experience and felt thirst like we do. In what ways are you struggling currently? Look to the example of Jesus and ask God to help you, like Jesus, to be faithful and obedient in the midst of difficulty.
2. On the cross, Jesus suffered in a way that goes beyond just human physiology (*John 19:28, Matt 27:46, Psalm 63:1*). Spent time truly alone with the Lord this week and give Him praise, honor, and thanks for being the Lamb who was slain.
3. Because of how He suffered, Jesus has been given the name that is above every other name and reigns in Glory (*Phil. 2:9-11*). Consider the response towards Jesus in Revelation 5 and ask yourself honestly: Does my life reflect this type of reverence and submission to the King? Pray for the Holy Spirit to help make it so.
4. Jesus thirsted and suffered so that we will never have to (*John 4:14*). Hallelujah! Who in your life has yet to experience the water of eternal life? Invite them to Easter Sunday and begin praying for them to trust in Jesus as their Savior!

#### SONGS

THE LION AND THE LAMB  
THE WONDERFUL CROSS  
I SURRENDER ALL  
WE FALL DOWN

#### BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$25,732.60  
2025 Giving vs Need: \$99,892.01 Below Need  
Altamont Expansion Fund (3/24): \$220,104.04

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**CORRECTION:** Please note, Altamont general fund checks totaling \$975 were mistakenly not accounted for on the 3/12 newsletter and 3/14 bulletin. We apologize for this error.