

The Seven Statements Jesus made from the Cross

Jesus made several statements while on the cross, recorded in the Gospels, which are often referred to as the Seven Last Words. These include: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise," "Woman, behold your son! ... Behold, your mother!", "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", "I thirst," "It is finished," and "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!".

Here's a more detailed look at each statement:

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

(Luke 23:34) - Jesus prays for forgiveness for those who are crucifying him, demonstrating his compassion and love even in the face of immense suffering.

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

(Luke 23:43) - Jesus speaks these words to the repentant thief crucified beside him, offering him salvation and a place in Paradise.

"Woman, behold your son! ... Behold, your mother!"

(John 19:26-27) - Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of John, showing his concern for his family even in his final moments.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

(Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34) - Jesus quotes Psalm 22, expressing a sense of abandonment and feeling the weight of the sins of the world.

"I thirst."

(John 19:28) - Jesus' simple statement of thirst highlights his human suffering and physical need.

"It is finished."

(John 19:30) - Jesus declares that his mission is complete, indicating the culmination of his work and sacrifice.

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!"

(Luke 23:46) - Jesus entrusts his spirit to God the Father, affirming his trust and submission to his will.