

Dying Words to
Live By –
*The Seven Sayings of Jesus
from the Cross*

A Sermon Series for Lent 2022



Serve to the End

John 19:25-27

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Remarkable!
Even with hours to live,
Jesus saw to
His mother's care.



Am I seeing to
MY own life's
responsibilities?



When pressure is on,
we often feel
we have a right
to be selfish.



Do we ever fully accept
that part of our lives
MUST include caring
for others' needs?



Caring for others
CAN feel
very self-fulfilling.



Caring for others
can feel like an
annoyance.



In His dying moments,
Jesus saw to
His mother's well-being.



Remarkable!
Jesus put Mary
in a disciple's care,
not a sibling's.



*"Isn't this the carpenter's
Son? Isn't His mother's
name Mary, and aren't His
brothers James, Joseph,
Simon, and Judas?"*

Matthew 13:55



It is commonly believed
that Joseph,
Jesus' earthly father,
died when Jesus
was a teenager.



Jesus' brothers and mother
did not at first
accept His ministry.



At one point
in Jesus' ministry,
His family tried to get Him
to come back home.



Once Jesus seemed to
prefer His followers to His
family.



It does not appear
that Jesus' siblings
were at His crucifixion.



But *Mary* would not
abandon her Son
in His time of need.



It seems Jesus chose John
as caretaker because the
family wasn't there and
John may have had the
better character.



On the one hand,
this assignment applies
only to John.



But in a real sense,
everyone is at the foot
of the cross
and the Lord has a task
He needs us to do.



It would seem that
Jesus is looking for
someone of strong
character.



Jesus is looking for
people of high character
and inspiring spirits.



We should all want
for Jesus to select us
for His tasks.



The "P.S." to the story
is that, at the end,
Jesus' brothers show up.



*"They all joined together
constantly in prayer, along
with the women and Mary,
the mother of Jesus, and
with His brothers."*

Acts 1:14



The resurrection of Jesus
must have turned them
around.



We are each called
on to serve to the end.

