

# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

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- :: Selected texts from the four Gospels
- :: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (Thomas Kelly, 1804)
- :: "What Wondrous Love is This, Oh My Soul" (Anonymous, 1811)

## 1. STRICKEN, SMITTEN

*Choir:*  
Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
See Him dying on a tree!  
He, the Christ, by man rejected,  
Oh my soul, my soul, 'tis He!  
He, the long expected prophet,  
David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
See the Author of creation,  
He the true and faithful Word.

## 2. FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

And it was in the third hour,  
that they crucified Jesus. (Mark 15:25)

(Lord, have mercy)

If you are the Son of God, come down! (Matt. 27:40)

(Lord, have mercy)

He trusts in God—let God deliver him! (Matt. 27:43)

(Lord have mercy)

But he said:  
*Father, forgive them,*  
*For they know not what they do!* (Luke 23:34)

## 3. RESPONSE I

*Choir and congregation:*  
Ye who think of sin but lightly,  
Nor suppose your evil great,  
Here may view its nature rightly,  
Here your guilt may estimate.  
See the sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load!  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.

#### 4. WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON (John 19:26-27)

When Jesus saw his mother  
and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby,  
he said to his mother,  
*Woman, behold your son!*  
Then he said to the disciple  
*Behold your mother!*  
And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

#### 5. YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE (Luke 23:39-43)

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying,  
“Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”  
But the other rebuked him, saying,  
“Do you not fear God,  
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?  
And we indeed justly,  
for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds;  
but this man has done nothing wrong.”  
And he said,  
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
And he said to him,  
*“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

#### 6. WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME? (Mark 15:34)

And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice:  
*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*  
(My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?)

#### 7. RESPONSE II

*Choir and congregation:*  
Tell, me you who hear His groaning,  
Was there ever grief like His?  
Dearest friends His cause disowning,  
Soldiers mocking His distress.  
Many hands were raised to wound Him,  
None would interpose to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

#### 8. I THIRST (John 19:28-29)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to  
fulfill the Scripture, said,  
*I thirst!*

9. IT IS FINISHED! (John 19:30)

When Jesus had received the wine, he said.  
*It is finished!*

*Choir:*

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

10. INTO YOUR HANDS (Luke 23:46)

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,  
*Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit!*

And having said this, he breathed his last.

11. RESPONSE III

*Choir and congregation:*

Here we have a firm foundation,  
Here the refuge of the lost.  
Christ the Rock of our salvation,  
Christ the Name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!  
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded  
Who on Him their hope have built.