

LAST WORDS
LUKE 23:46 / DEC. 6, 2017 / WED.

I. WHEN DID JESUS UTTER HIS LAST WORDS?

- A. Luke provides a clue—Luke 23:44.
- B. Now its 3 pm, the sun is now shining again and Jesus is near death.

II. HOW DID JESUS UTTER HIS LAST WORDS?

- A. Luke 23:46 says...**Jesus called out with a loud voice.**
- B. This was probably due to the vinegar wine given him when he spoke his fifth saying...
“I thirst”.
- C. The point is that Jesus wanted his last two sayings to be clearly heard.

III. WHO DID JESUS ADDRESS HIS LAST WORDS TO?

- A. Earlier Jesus spoke his fourth saying. It’s called “The word of abandonment.”
- B. Now Jesus speaks a word of reunion.
- C. What made the difference?
 - 1. The difference came with the sixth word.
 - 2. What was finished? Our sin debt—Matt. 26:28.
- D. Jesus could have used any number of words to refer to God.

IV. WHAT DID JESUS COMMIT TO HIS FATHER?

- A. He said, **“I commit my spirit”.**
 - 1. Life is said to consist of three parts according to 1 Thess. 5:23.
 - 2. Biblically speaking there seems to be little distinction between the spirit and the soul.
 - 3. According to Zechariah 12:1 God places man’s spirit within him.
 - 4. This may be portrayed in Genesis 2:7.
 - 5. At death the human spirit is said to return to the Lord—Ecc. 12:7.

- B. Jesus, aware of his death, commits his spirit back to his Father.
 - 1. The Hebrew translation means “to entrust”.
 - 2. The Greek translation means “to entrust something to someone for safe keeping.”
 - 3. It’s a strong reminder that death is not the end of us.
 - 4. It’s also a reminder that we can trust God.

V. WHERE DID JESUS ENTRUST HIS SPIRIT?

- A. Into his Father’s hands—2 Cor 5:8.
- B. There can be no safer place than to be in the hands of God—Ps. 31:5; John 10:29; Matt. 26:45.