

FAMOUS LAST WORDS – Week #4
“Today you will be with me in paradise”
Palm Sunday - April 10, 2022



Luke 23:39-43 (ESV) *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.**”*

GREEK WORD – **Paradeisos** (par-ad-ee-sos)

John 3:16 (NIV) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:17 (NIV) *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

FIRST QUESTION - “Do you see your need?”

Luke 23:41 (CEV) *But the other criminal told the first one off, “Don’t you fear God? Aren’t you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn’t do anything wrong.”*

Romans 3:23 (NIV) *for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

“If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior.”
~ Max Lucado

SECOND QUESTION - “Who do you say Jesus is?”

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV) *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.**”*

Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV) *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**”*

Matthew 27:4a (NIV) *“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”*



Luke 23:3-4 (NIV) *So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied. Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”*

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” ~ CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

THIRD QUESTION - “Have you experienced His grace and resurrection personally?”

John 11:25-26 (NIV) *“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

TAKE IT FURTHER/CHALLENGE:

As we walk through Holy Week this week, intentionally think about and pray on each one of the questions from this week. Whether it was just now or 100 years ago, consider

- when you realized your need
- when you first called Jesus Lord and
- how you have experienced God’s grace

Write and think about the testimony of what God has done/is doing in your life. How is God calling you to share it with others so they can experience the life-changing grace of God?!

Re-watch any of our past messages at:

<https://www.facebook.com/JustChurchHaverhill/>

<https://youtube.com/c/JustChurchWorship>

UPCOMING EVENTS at JC:

Holy Week Services:

Good Friday Service – 4/15 @ 7pm

Easter Sunday Service – 4/17 @ 10am

