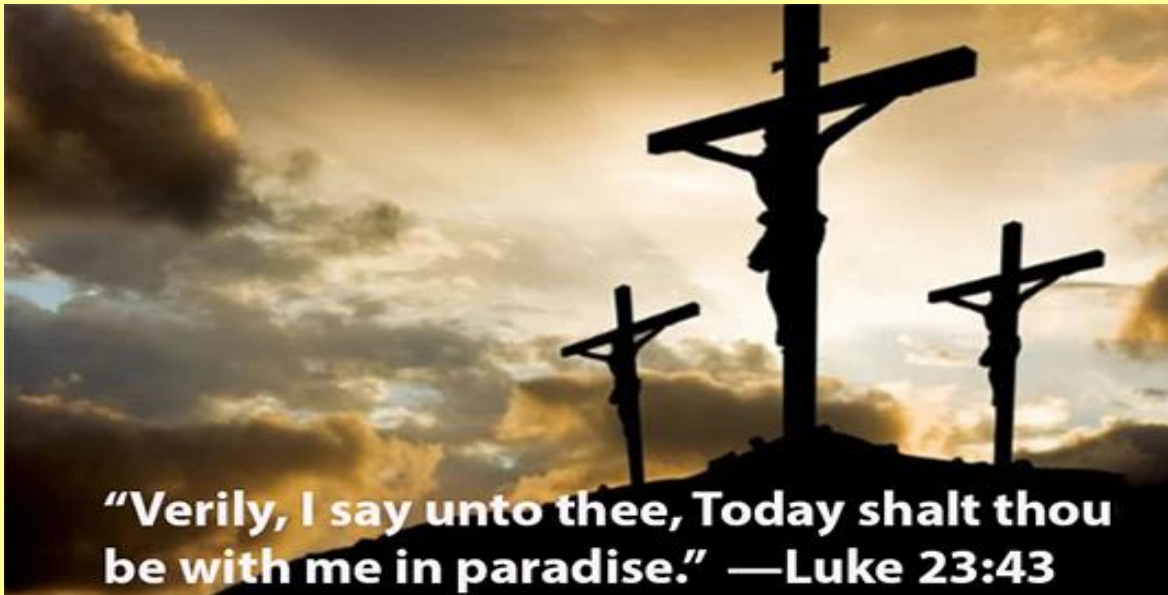


## The Lamp Newsletter International

# TURN TO JESUS!



***Surrender to Jesus...TODAY!***

**Luke 23:39-46**

**New International Version**

***39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”***

***40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”***

***42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.<sup>[a]</sup>”***

***43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”***



**Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside,  
Founder and Publisher**

Dear Readers,

My mind and thoughts go way back to the cross where Jesus was hung on Calvary. Before He was nailed to the cross, He was beaten all night. He was whipped until most of his flesh was torn from his bones. He wasn't fed so he was hungry. He wasn't given water to drink to quench his thirst. His body was bloody, and He was **TIRED.**

There Jesus was nailed to the cross between two criminals! They deserved to be there for whatever crime that they had committed. They got just what they deserved! Look at them up there with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He was innocent! He did not hurt or kill anybody! He didn't rob or steal anything! He didn't run with outlaws and gangs. Jesus wasn't a crook!

Jesus...suffered...bled...groaned...moaned...and was stabbed in His side by one of those lowdown Roman soldiers. That soldier was bitter, angry and violent. Jesus just looked down from the cross upon him...and said **NOTHING!**

The angry, yelling, crowd screamed evil words. Their voices thundered words of hatred and screamed evil words. They cursed foul words from the guts of their dark and sinful souls. Jesus didn't say a word. He just looked upon them.

Men and women laughed! They roared in joy with voices that were pure evil. Jesus heard them. However, Jesus did not say a word.

Children and teenagers threw big rocks and many stones at Jesus that struck him so hard and caused him more pain with each blow against his head, chest and body...But, Jesus did not say, "STOP!"

How much more could Jesus take? The pain and suffering were torment! Sweat and blood rolled down his face from the piercing crown of thorns on his bleeding head. His body ached beyond understanding!

NOTHING COULD STOP THE SUFFERING THAT JESUS WAS SUFFERING! Oh, my Lord! Jesus was totally committed to the mission that He was sent here to do. He held on and was fixed within His mind and will to surrender to the torment, name calling, cursing, laughter, mocking, rocks and stones throwing, nasty spit showers and all the evil cheers!

Then, suddenly...Jesus heard the voice of a human being...crying out...repenting...and asking to be remembered when He died! He listened intensely with opened ears and a heart of love and deep compassion filled with concern for a lost soul...Jesus turned and looked at one of the thieves who had a broken heart! **JESUS WILL ALWAYS CONNECT and LISTEN TO A LOST SOUL CRYING OUT TO HIM!**

The thief on the other side of Jesus said, <sup>42</sup> ... *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."<sup>[a]</sup>*

<sup>43</sup> *Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

***JESUS...HEARD the voice of a broken-hearted thief!***

***"The sacrifice God wants is a broken spirit.***

***God, you will not reject a heart that is broken and sorry for sin,"***

***Psalm 51:17 NCV***

Glory to God! Thank the Lord! When our heart is broken, repents, and asks for Him to help us, forgive us and to remember us...is what gets the attention of our God...our Lord and Saviour...Jesus!

Therefore, cry out to Him to save you! Cry out to Him to help you! He will always answer! He took everything on the cross and said...Nothing! But, He will never forsake ones cry for Salvation and help! **Turn to Jesus...He will turn to you!**

**God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you. Don't send me away from you. Don't take your Holy Spirit away from me. Then I will teach your ways to those who commit lawless acts. And sinners will turn back to you.  
Psalm 51:10-11, 13**



# ***RISEN***

*“RISEN” was written and designed by Minister Sandra Hickman – Ministry Leader and Staff Writer from Australia.*



**RISEN~**

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♥ **LOVE** on  
the Cross.  
**AMAZING**  
Forgiveness  
was burning  
the dross.  
Love paying  
the cost, is what they saw. Though many missed Love's  
opened door. From beginning to end **LOVE** did prevail.  
The **PASSION**. The sacrifice. The gift. The **JOY**.  
Mary's child  
Her baby boy  
Conceived  
by Love~  
The Love of  
**G O D** ♥  
Along the  
path that  
**JESUS** trod.  
The nails.  
Betrayals.  
Salvation,  
**F A I T H**~  
Grace to  
look upon  
**HIS** face.  
Glorious  
**SAVIOR**~  
3rd day...  
The Way -  
**HE** ♥ **IS**  
**RISEN!**

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# **Remove the Stone and Live!**

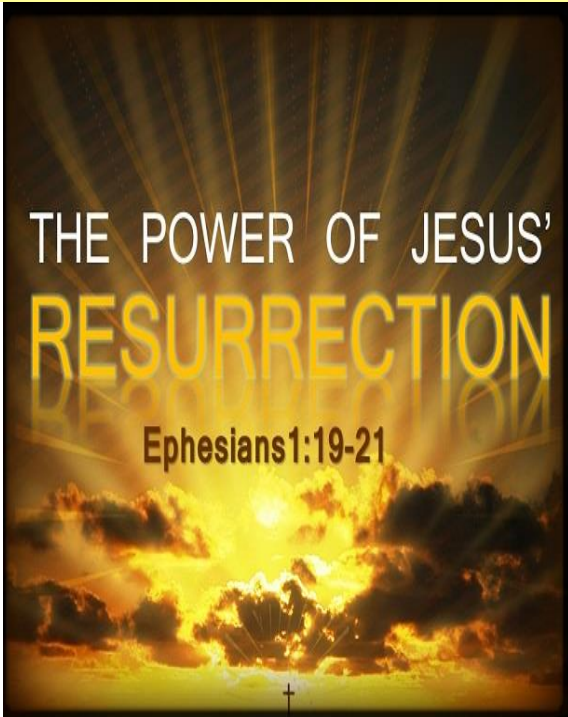


**by Ramelle T. Lee**

**Surrender your life to Jesus.  
Remove the stone that holds you captive.  
Release your bitterness, discouragement,  
Loneliness and depressing thoughts to Him.  
They have kept your spirit bound!**

Let go of sorrow, heartaches, fear, and anxiety.

Let go of old past hurts!



Allow the almighty

**Resurrection power** of Jesus

To embrace and control  
your total being.

Allow the Holy Spirit to  
empower your faith.

Now, visualize your miracles  
coming forth!

Feel the glorious sparkling newness of life:

Giving you a refreshing,

And mighty lift in your spirit.

Jesus is giving you a brand-new life!

Jesus has intercepted the stone.

That came to crush your faith.

Now, you can live again!

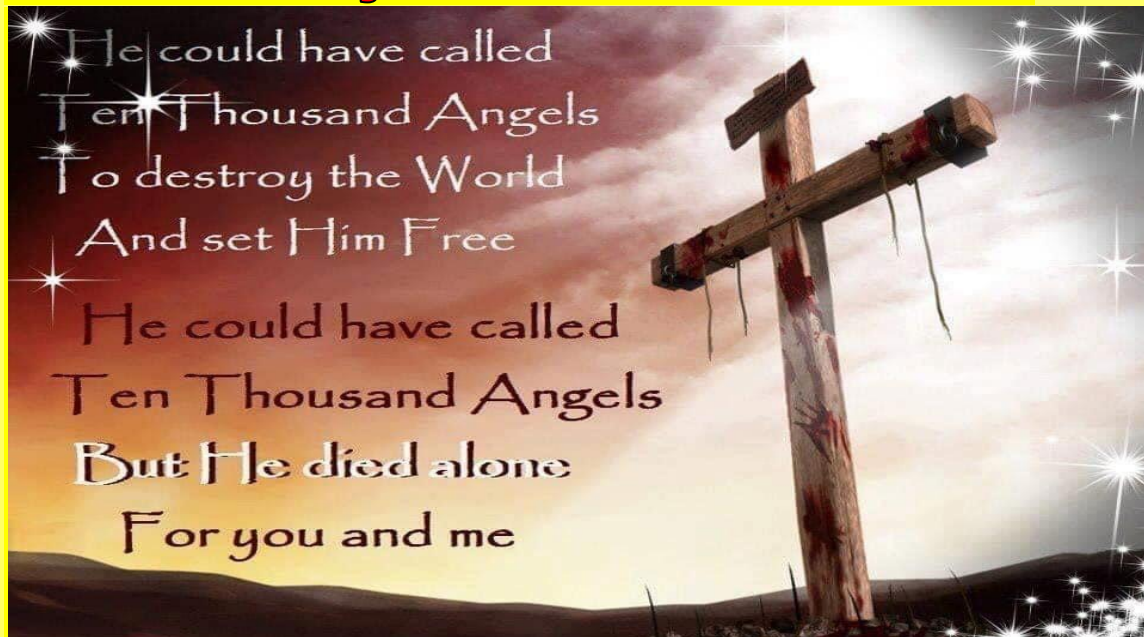
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## Jesus' Last Words from the Cross

By Doris Homan



Looking at the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we get a full picture of what unfolded during Jesus' crucifixion. We know that John the disciple was the only one present at the foot of the cross. Sadly, the other disciples scattered and hid in fear of the Jewish leaders and the Romans who were trying to kill them and put an end to Jesus and His movement.

## Jesus' Last Words:

***Father forgive them, they know not what they do (Luke 23:34)***

***Today you will be with me in paradise (Lk 23:43)***

***Woman behold your son. Behold your mother (Jn 19:27)***

***I am thirsty (Jn 19:28)***

***Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani (My God, My God, why hast Thou Forsaken Me?) (Mark 15:34)***

***It is finished (Jn 19:30)***

***Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit (Luke 23:46)***

The very first thing out of Jesus' mouth after they pounded the spikes into His precious hands and feet is ***"Father forgive them, they don't know what they're doing"***. How do you respond when someone treats you terribly betrays you or assaults you? Jesus, all God and all man, responds with unconditional forgiveness for being put to death unjustly. In fact, He comes to their defence before His Father and says, don't hold it against them. What lessons can we learn from Jesus?

The soldiers are casting lots for His clothes, the crowds mocking Him and one thief hurling insults at Jesus. Yet the other thief feared God and asked to be remembered and included in His kingdom. Jesus reassures the thief that very day, he would be with Him in paradise. This thief did not have time to be baptized or go through any other religious right-of-passage. He simply believed Jesus was of God, was sorrowful for his sin and in need of a saviour. Simple child-like faith and humility of heart is all that is needed to receive the gift of eternal life because the Lamb of God was being sacrificed on his (and our) behalf.

While in agony on the cross, Jesus secures the care of His mother to His disciple. There is no mention of Joseph so we assume Mary is a widow at this point. It was important in that day that a male figure oversees the care of a widow.

***“I am thirsty”*** fulfills the remaining prophecy. Psalm 69:21 David wrote, ***“They also gave me gall for my food and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink”*** in the Greek, this vinegar is translated sour wine. This gall was intended to deaden the senses and lessen the pain.

Jesus and the Father have enjoyed perfect fellowship and now for the very first time, God has turned His back on His Son. The Father poured all of the world’s sin upon Jesus on this altar of sacrifice. Imagine the horror of this moment. Scholars have suggested that this was far worse (more than our minds can conceive) than any of the other physical agony. Think of this, the sins of the world dumped onto Jesus, the perfect Son of God, and to be separated from His Father as a result. Truly Jesus was alone!

***“It is finished”*** salvation for mankind has been secured. Sin has been paid for; Jesus took upon Himself the punishment for all sin. Jesus commits His spirit into the Father’s hands and gives up the ghost. What chaos. Jesus died between thieves, a few believers, mockers and brutal soldiers gambling for his robe. He was then buried in a borrowed tomb.

Satan may have thought he won in thwarting God’s plan of salvation but Sunday was coming! The Father’s stamp of approval will be displayed when Jesus rises from the dead; His wrath is satisfied. This is why we celebrate and worship on Sundays; it is the day Jesus defeated death and the grave and rose from the dead.

***“Calvary shows how far men will go in sin and how far God will go for man’s salvation”*** H.C. Trumbull. What will you do with Christ’s sacrifice on your behalf? It is a free gift but it will not be yours till you by faith accept it and place your trust in Him. For ***“whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”*** (Romans 10:13). That is if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ***“For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation,”***(Romans 10:9-10).



**GREETINGS FROM...**

**Jordan of Australia...**

**HAVE  
A BLESSED  
EASTER!**



*Rejoice*

**HE IS RISEN**

Jesus said... "I am the  
resurrection and the life."

John 11:25

**Words of Encouragement from...**

**EVANGELIST KIZZY STATEN GRAY**



Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

*Happy*  
**EASTER**



**This is a time of new beginnings when you can effectively make changes that will result in greater safety and protection. Stay alert as you put the past behind you and reach toward the goal of your highest spiritual calling.**

**Settle yourself in the strength and power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Philippians 3:12-14**

*“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.*

*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

For God so loved  
the world, that  
he gave his only  
begotten Son, that  
whosoever believeth  
in him should not  
perish, but have  
everlasting life.

John 3:16

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