Famous Last Words

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Of Jesus...
On the Cross
After He Rose from the Grave
After He Rose from the Earth

FAMOUS LAST WORDS - The last words of any dying person are always worth our full attention. Is not the question when a loved one dies, "Did they have any LAST WORDS?" And so we desire to hear and heed the LAST WORDS of the greatest Man the world has ever known! Let us linger and ponder the FAMOUS LAST WORDS of our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, at the CRUCIFIXION, after His RESURRECTION and in His GLORIFICATION.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Jesus spoke seven times while hanging on the Cross.

- (1) He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34).
- (2) He promised one of the criminals crucified with Him, "Today you shall be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).
- (3) He spoke to His mother, "Woman, behold Your Son!" and to John, "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:26-27).
- (4) "About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"" (Mt. 27:46; Mark 15:34).
- (5) "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said 'I thirst." (John 19:28).
- (6) He said, "It is finished!" (Tetelestai "Paid in Full!") (John 19:30).

Yes, indeed
Finished, ev'ry jot
Sinner, this is all you need
Tell me, is it not?
- Ira Sankey

(7) He cried, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit" (Luke 23:46).

When our Savior cried out these **FAMOUS LAST WORDS** from the Cross "with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Behold, the VEIL of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom" (Mt 27:50-51), the VEIL through which we now "have confidence (boldness) to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the (rent) VEIL, that is, His (rent) FLESH. (Hebrews 10:19-20)

FAMOUS LAST WORDS AFTER HE ROSE FROM THE GRAVE

Some of His last words to His disciples (which includes us beloved) were

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Mt 28:18-20+)

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:8+)

FAMOUS LAST WORDS AFTER HE ROSE FROM THE EARTH AND WAS GLORIFIED

And after He was glorified He spoke His last words in the last chapter of the last book of the Bible -

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end... Yes, I am coming quickly." (Rev 22:12-13, 20+)

To which we give the only proper response

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

Maranatha

An ancient legend says that in the early church a believer was about to be martyred for his faith in the Messiah and as they tied his hands to the stake, they asked if he had any last words, to which he jubilantly shouted "He is risen!" Unknown to the authorities, in the surrounding hills, the followers of Christ had gathered to watch the execution. When they heard the martyr's last words "He is risen," they cried out with one voice "He is risen indeed!"

Related Resources:

- BORROW <u>Seven words of love</u> (Last words of Jesus on the Cross) by Herbert Lockyer
- NOW CONTRAST SOME OF THE SINNERS IN Last words of saints and sinners BORROW book also by Herbert Lockyer
- TETELESTAI-Paid in Full "IT IS FINISHED!"

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Below are the powerful words of the great Phillip Bliss hymn "Halleljujah! What a Savior"

Hallelujah What a Savior

Man of Sorrows! what a Name For the Son of God, Who came Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He; "Full atonement!" can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in Heav'n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring, Then anew His song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

ADDENDUM

Last words of an Christless man...

In Herbert Lockyer's fascinating book "Last words of saints and sinners (page 132)" he recounts the following story.

VOLTAIRE, the noted French infidel and one of the most fertile and talented writers of his time, used his pen to retard and demolish Christianity. Of Christ, Voltaire said: "Curse the wretch!"

He once boasted, "In twenty years Christianity will be no more. My single hand shall destroy the edifice it took

twelve apostles to rear."

Shortly ,after his death the very house in which he printed his foul literature became the depot of the Geneva Bible Society!

The nurse who attended Voltaire said: "For all the wealth in Europe I would not see another infidel die."

The physician, Trochim, waiting up with Voltaire at his death said that he cried out most desperately with some of his last words

"I am abandoned by God and man! I will give you half of what I am worth if you will give me six months' life. Then I shall go to hell; and you will go with me. O Christ! O Jesus Christ!"