

# FAMOUS LAST WORDS

## Famous Last Words // Part 3

### Introduction:

This week Chance continues a new series called '**Famous Last Words**' with '**Part 3**'. Do you ever think about what your last words might be? What would you say to people around you if it was the final time?

As Jesus was on the cross, he experienced ridicule, mocking and insults. The people who were challenging Him to get off the cross were the same ones He was staying on the cross for. In that moment, what He says means more than you might expect. This week we are looking at more of His Famous Last Words.

### Questions:

1. Have you ever been bullied, or ridiculed or mocked? While Jesus was hanging on the cross to demonstrate His love, in what ways was He bullied, mocked, ridiculed and blasphemed? How did they use words from His life & ministry against Him? **Matthew 27:38-40**
2. As He faced additional ridicule & slander from the priests, Sanhedrin, teachers & elders what were the 4 ways that they mocked Him? What kept Jesus on the cross if it wasn't the nails? What was Jesus more concerned about than their words? **Matthew 27:41-44**
3. What does the darkness that fell 'over all the land' from noon until 3:00 in the afternoon tell you about what Jesus endured while on the cross? What was the three hours of darkness a symbol of? **Matthew 27:45**

4. Why is it significant that Jesus calls out to God but doesn't call Him 'Father' in this moment? What caused this separation between Jesus (God the Son) & God (the Father)? What did Jesus take on for you & for me that caused God to look away? Is there a difference in 'became sin' & being a sinner? **Matthew 27:46, 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:3-5; Psalm 22:1**
  
5. What does the word '**forsaken**' mean? Have you ever felt like you were forsaken, that you were far away from God? Why was Jesus 'abandoned' by God the Father? How does Jesus being forsaken on the cross change how you can be close to God in your most difficult moments? Do you know that He was forsaken to redeem you?
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6. What were those who were standing near Jesus expecting? Why did they misunderstand so badly what He was saying, and what was happening? Was this just more mocking of Jesus and who He claimed to be? **Matthew 27:47-49**
  
7. What does **Matthew 27:50** tell us about what really happened with Jesus on the cross, how does this prove who was really in control of this situation? Why did Jesus do what only He could do, and who did He stay on the cross for? **Matthew 27:50**

**Key takeaway: *Jesus was left alone in His suffering so that you would never be alone. Through Jesus' sacrifice, God's love is yours forever.***

### **Summary:**

- In the midst of displaying love, Jesus was blasphemed, they used His own words against Him
- Priests, teachers & elders slandered Jesus - love kept Him on the cross, not the nails
  - Mocked His claim to be Messiah
  - Someone who could save others, not Himself
  - His claim to be Son of God
  - For His relationship with God
- There was darkness over all the land from noon until 3pm

- Eli, Eli, lema sabacthani (My God, My God...) - Jesus calls to God as something other than Father for the 1st time... Isaiah 53:3-5; Psalm 22:1
- Jesus was forsaken/abandoned to redeem you...
- What were they expecting to happen with Elijah?
- Jesus gave up His spirit, He made the choice to die...