

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Word Of Contentment"**  
**Luke 23:44-46**  
**Study-103**

**Jesus In His Last Spoken Words From The Cross - Is The Model For How To Leave This Present Life!**

**"Seven Words"** "7" Number of "completeness, perfection" reveals God's answer to our basic spiritual needs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Word – "Forgiveness" Luke 23:34**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Word – "The Word of Salvation" Luke 23:43**

**7<sup>th</sup> Word – "The Word Of Contentment" Luke 23:46**

**Thought Of The Passage:** "Jesus Died Confidently, Knowing That In His Relationship With His Father He Could Confidently Entrust His Spirit To God"

- 1. Jesus Actually Died:**
- 2. Jesus Confidently Died:**
- 3. Jesus Willingly Died:**
- 4. Jesus Victoriously Died:**

**1. Jesus Actually Died:**

**Luke 23:44 It was now about the sixth hour Context** – Jesus had just spoke the 2<sup>nd</sup> Word from The Cross – "Word of Forgiveness"

**Luke 23:42-43** Luke does not record the other **"4 Words From The Cross"**

**about the sixth hour** it is 12:00 PM **Mark 15:25** Jesus was crucified at 9:00 AM. Jesus has been on the cross for three hours.

**Earthly Sign: and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour,** 12:00 PM *noon the sun should have been brightest in the sky,* darkness fell over all the land.

**Darkness In Scripture** - *symbolizes righteous wrath. Darkness is the ultimate form of God's presence in judgment.* **until the ninth hour.** From 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM *Darkness - Hour of Solemn Judgment.* Lamb dying for our sins. (**Exodus 10:22**)

**over the whole land** might refer to the land of Israel, or whole world.  
**Amos 8:9**

**Luke 23:45 because the sun was obscured;** *"leave out to cease"*

**Heavenly Sign: And the veil of the temple** - This was the inner veil of the sanctuary in front of the Holy of Holies. It was the thickness of a man's hand. (**2 Chronicles 3:14**)

**was torn in two from top to bottom. Matthew 27:51**

- 1. The Sacrificial System of The Temple Has Been Replaced:**
- 2. All Mankind Has Access To God Through Jesus Christ: Hebrews 10:19-22**

**Luke 23:46** This Final Word Is A Prayer! **Having said this, He breathed His last.** We should note that the first Word from the cross was addressed to the "**Father**" 1<sup>st</sup> Word - "Forgiveness" **Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them,**

Now this final Word closes with the "**Father**" **Luke 23:46 "Father,**

**These words tell us that his life didn't just fade away - John 10:18**

All four Gospels record the death of Jesus. **Matthew 27:50;**  
**Mark 15:37-39; 44-45**

Our Passage - **Luke 23:46 He breathed His last. John 19:30-34**

**God In His Foresight Recorded In great details the Death of Jesus:**

**Luke 23:46 He breathed His last.** Jesus died - **Death** - "*the end of life; the total and permanent cessation of all the vital functions of an organism*"  
**Death** - simply means "*separation*" *the soul and the spirit are separated from the body*"

**MY SPIRIT."** The spirit is the highest part of us. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

**At Death Our Spirit Departs But To Where?** For the believer our spirit goes to God, **2 Corinthians 5:8**

For the nonbeliever their spirit goes to the darkness of eternal night.  
**Luke 16:22-24**

The Believer - called sleep. **John 11:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:14 ;**  
**1 Corinthians 11:30**

**Jesus did not sleep, Jesus really died, Jesus had to die in order to taste death for us! Hebrews 2:9**

## **2. Jesus Confidently Died:**

**Luke 23:46 "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT."** This speaks of Jesus' confidence in God, His Father.

**The Father's Presence: Father** – Jesus addressed His Father **three times** while on the cross. **1<sup>st</sup> Word** – “Forgiveness” **Luke 23:34** “**Father**, **4<sup>th</sup> Word** - “The Word of Anguish” **Matthew 27:46** “**MY GOD, MY GOD**, Jesus knew His Father was still there!

**7<sup>th</sup> Word** – “The Word Of Contentment” **Luke 23:46** “**Father**,

Jesus at the age of twelve - **Luke 2:49**, The Sermon on The Mount **Matthew 5-7** Jesus addressed God as “**Father**” **15 times**. Upper Room **John 17** He called Him “**Father**” **5 times**

**Psalm 23:4**

**The Father's Promise: Luke 23:46** “**Father**, **INTO YOUR HANDS** The power of the hands. **Matthew 26:45**

**INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.**” This last Word from the Cross is in fact a quotation from **Psalm 31** It was composed by David

**This Psalm gives a promise! Psalm 31:1-5**

**Jesus applied this promise to Himself! Jesus added “Father” Jesus omitted “You have ransomed (Redeemed) me, O LORD, God of truth.”**

**Psalm 31:14-15**

**All three Word's from the cross that are prayers addressed to God are all tied to Scripture**

**1<sup>st</sup> Word** – “Forgiveness” **Luke 23:34** **Isaiah 53:12**

**4<sup>th</sup> Word** “The Word of Anguish” **Matthew 27:46** **Psalm 22:1**

**7<sup>th</sup> Word** – “The Word Of Contentment” **Luke 23:46** **Psalm 31:5**

**Jesus lived by God's Word! If we live by God's Word we can also die by God's Word!**

**The only assurance we have is the Word of God! Revelation 1:17-18**

**The first Christian martyr, Stephen, Acts 7:59-60; 2 Timothy 1:12**

**The Fathers Protection:** *(All the world does is beat us up!)*

**Matthew 17:22-23; Luke 24:7**

**Psalm 31:8** **And You have not given me over into the hand of the enemy;**

**Psalm 31:15** **My times are in Your hand;**

**Hebrews 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

### **3. Jesus Willingly Died:**

**Luke 23:46** word **commit** – *"I render up, or lay down" Jesus lays down His life. He is in complete control.*

**Jesus The Lamb Led To The Slaughter: Acts 2:23**

**Jesus Was Not A Victim But He Died Willingly: John 10:17-18**

**In the Old Testament No Sacrifice Ever Died Willingly. Jesus Did. We To Can Be Willing Sacrifices To God - Romans 12:1-2**

Jesus' death was an act of personal decision, a choice He made.

**Matthew 27:50**

**yielded up His spirit.** *"He yielded up or dismissed His spirit"*

**Jesus Was Always In Control:** during a storm even asleep in the boat, when the soldiers came to arrest Him, **John 19:10-11**

**We to can die like Jesus with the assurance that God is in control.**

### **4. Jesus Victoriously Died:**

**Luke 23:46** **Jesus, crying out with a loud voice**, Only Luke records the loud voice! **The loud voice of victory!**

**John 10:27-28**

### **Application:**

1. Jesus Actually Died: The Gospel Accounts Are Clear That Jesus Physically Died, And His Death Was Necessary Because Jesus Died For Our Sins.
2. Jesus Confidently Died: We To Can Die Like Jesus With The Assurance That God Is In Control. That Means That We Will Die According To His Will.
3. Jesus Willingly Died: Jesus Quoted God's Word. If We Live By God's Word, We Can Also Confidently Die By Gods Word.
4. Jesus Victoriously Died: Jesus Accomplished All That The Father Had Called For Jesus To Do.