



Last Words

*Week 3: The Word of Relationship | Teacher: Dr. JoAnn Hummel
Sermon Questions for 3.17.2024*

Opener

How often are your thoughts on others and their wellbeing? Is it always the same person/people?

Read

John 19:25-28; Luke 2:34-35; Luke 11:27-28; Matthew 27:45

Main Points

1. The "last words" of Jesus have 7 categories - (1) Forgiveness, (2) Salvation, (3) Relationship, (4) Abandonment, (5) Distress, (6) Triumph, (7) Reunion.
2. There were 6 women at the cross: (1) Mary - Jesus' mother, (2) Mary - the wife of Clopas, (3) Mary Magdalene, (4) Salome - Mary's sister, (5 & 6) 2 more women who aren't named. They all knew Jesus personally, they dared to remain close to Jesus, risking arrest/execution, even though so many others fled.
3. Jesus' own welfare does not consume him; rather, he is touched by his mom, Mary's welfare.
4. Jesus' relationship to his mother: (a) submissive to her authority (Luke 2:41-52), (b) sensitive to her request (John 2:1-12), (c) separate in his ministry (Mark 3:33-35), (d) supportive from the cross (John 19:25-17).
5. Jesus is never too busy or preoccupied where you are concerned. He sees you and knows your situation. Cast your burdens and cares on Jesus; he cares for you!
6. Jesus takes care of Mary FROM the cross. He takes care of the world ON the cross.

Engage with God in a Group

- Where are you in relationship to Jesus and the cross? Are you *at* the cross? Are you *near* the cross? Are you *running from* the cross?
- What has your experience been with other believers - like a close family, distant and strained, complicated, challenging, encouraging, disappointing, or some other dynamic?
- How available are you to your spiritual brothers and sisters?
- When have you experienced love and care from other believers?
- How can brothers and sisters in Christ encourage one another on to love and good deeds to the world around us - especially those in our lives who do not yet know Jesus?

Bottom Line

Our love and care for one another can, and is meant to, flow freely from Christ's love and care for us.