



## 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.