

# The Cross of Jesus: What His Words from Calvary Mean for Us, 9781441244307, 1997, Baker Books, 1997, Warren W. Wiersbe, 144 pages

Jesus called His mother "woman" signifying the end of Jesus being only His physical Son but He was now the Son of God Who died for her and for all sinners. That every hour the disciple (John) took her to his own home to care for her as his own mother. Here Jesus knew that it was all but finished meaning that the sacrifice was completed with the nearness of His death swiftly approaching. This doesn't mean that He died unexpectedly because Jesus once said that "no man takes my life but I lay it down of myself." He who knew no sin, became sin for us so that when the Father now looks at us, He sees us as having Jesus' very own righteousness (2 Cor 5:21). You can follow Jack on Google Plus or check out his book *Blind Chance or Intelligent Design* available on Amazon. Jesus Christ spoke seven times while dying on the Cross to redeem mankind; his seven expressions are known as his Seven Words. Condemned to death by Pontius Pilate, he carried his Cross up the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem to Calvary, was nailed to the cross, and hung between two common criminals. He suffered an indescribable end, recalled by the Church on Good Friday of Holy Week. One may meditate on the Passion of Christ by reflecting on his Seven Words on the Cross or by a devotion known as The Way of the Cross. When religious pilgrimages to the Holy Land ended with military occupation of Jerusalem in the Middle Ages, a popular devotion known as The Way of the Cross arose during Lent recalling events in the Passion, or Read The Cross of Jesus by Warren W. Wiersbe with a free trial. Read unlimited\* books and audiobooks on the web, iPad, iPhone and Android. Trusted author Warren W. Wiersbe contemplates how Christ approached his death and what his words from the cross mean to us today. Intriguing for preachers and laypeople alike. Read More. Question: "What were the seven last words of Jesus Christ on the cross and what do they mean?". Answer: The seven statements that Jesus Christ made on the cross were (not in any particular order): (1) Matthew 27:46 tells us that about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?". Here, Jesus was expressing His feelings of abandonment as God placed the sins of the world on Him and because of that, God had to "turn away" from Jesus. As Jesus was feeling that weight of sin, He was experiencing. Upon the cross of Calvary, Jesus commended His spirit to His Father with a simple statement, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Having endured to the end, He was released from mortality. "We too must endure to the end" ("The Covenant of Baptism: To Be in the Kingdom and of the Kingdom," Ensign, Nov. 2000, 6). What do these two Apostles help us understand about what Jesus was referring to when He uttered, "It is finished"? (Students may use different words, but they should express the following principle: We show our appreciation for the Savior's suffering on the cross by following His example of faithfully enduring to the end.) Invite students to consider sharing on social media their feelings for the Savior and what they are committed to do to remain true to those feelings.