

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST: THE THIRD WORD, “WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON! BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER!”

†Prayers

PSALM 23/KJV

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

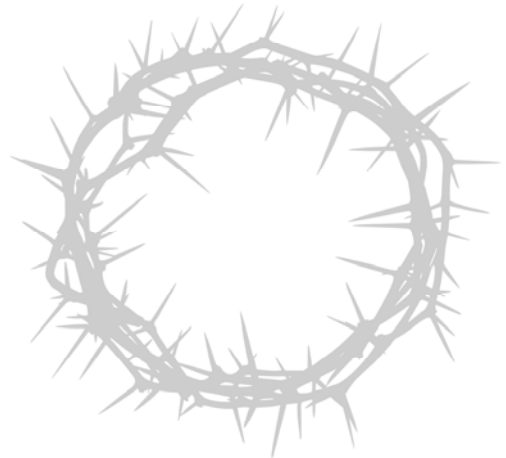
³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD
for ever.

AMEN.



†Introductions and Loose Ends

Forgiveness, presence, family, endurance...

†The Readings and Loose Ends

THE FIRST WORD: *The basis of everything is found in the forgiveness of God.*

THE SECOND WORD: *The abiding presence of Christ makes possible the life we live now and in eternity.*

THE THIRD WORD: *We are made the family of God based on God's actions not our own.*

†Vocabulary, Questions, Notes

- a. Our Families and God's Family

- b. How do our expectations of being part of God’s family different from our expectations of our families?
- c. In addition to your family, who has nurtured you and served as a member of your family?
- d. How have you been like family to others in the family of faith that is God’s family?

†Seven Last Words Cross Reference and Implications for the Family of Christ

| Word | Matthew | Mark | Luke | John |
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| “Father, Forgive Them.” | | | Luke 23:32–34 | |
| “Today, with Me... in Paradise.” | Matthew 27:38 Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. | Mark 15:27 And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. | Luke 23:39–43 [43] He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” | John 19:18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. |
| “Woman, Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother.” | | | | John 19:23–27 |
| “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?” | Matthew 27:38–46 | Mark 15:33–39 | | |
| “I Thirst.” | | | | John 19:28–29 |
| “It Is Finished.” | | | | John 19:30–37 |
| “O God, Into Your Hands” | | | Luke 23:46–49 | |