

Last Prayer of Jesus

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I. Introduction.

II. Jesus forgives. A spirit of forgiveness is essential to the work of the cross.

A. Love keeps no record of wrongs.

B. An unforgiving spirit denies the purpose of God. (Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28)

C. A spirit of forgiveness teaches other people how to die.

III. Jesus asks why God has forsaken him.

A. Honest doubt is not a hindrance to spiritual growth.

B. Unbelief says that God does not care. Honest doubt knows that God cares but acknowledges the mystery of his will in the present.

IV. Jesus surrenders.

A. What you have is not really yours until you give it to God.

B. Jesus was poor in spirit when he went to the cross.

V. Psalm 69 is a more complete description of what Jesus is experiencing on the cross.

A. There is shame.

B. There is dishonor.

C. There is reproach.

VI. Jesus thirsted.

A. Jesus told it like it was.

B. There was no denial.

VII. Jesus said that the work was finished.

A. He never lost sight of the objective.

B. Jesus kept his eye on the goal.

VIII. Jesus was sensitive to others while being crucified. We must be sensitive towards the crosses of others.

IX. Jesus began his ministry focusing on humility, integrity and sensitivity and did the same just before he died.

Application questions:

1. What is the difference between honest doubt and unbelief?

2. Why is authenticity so important? Why might it be lacking in so many churches today?

3. How are you keeping your eye on the goal? Explain.
