

# The Last Words of Jesus

*“Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise”*

(Luke 23:43)

- Introduction:
1. One’s last words are typically significant and reveal much about what is important to the one who is dying.
  2. As Jesus hung on the cross, he made seven statements that the Bible records for us.
  3. For the next few lessons, we are going to examine the last words of Jesus.

## I. Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise

### A. Background To This Statement.

1. Jesus is hung on the cross between two criminals (Matthew 27:38).
2. This is in fulfillment of prophecy (Isaiah 53:12).
3. Jesus hung on the cross for six hours before he eventually died (Mark 15:25-33).

## II. Lessons Learned From This Statement

### A. There was repentance on the part of one thief.

1. (Matthew 27:37-44) Both robbers reviled him.
2. (Luke 23:39-42) One thief had a change of heart.

### B. The Thief & Baptism.

1. “The thief was saved and he wasn’t baptized.”
2. (Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24).
3. While on earth, Jesus had power to forgive sins.
4. (Hebrews 9:16-17).

### C. The Hadean Realm.

1. (Luke 23:43).
2. (John 20:17).
3. (Luke 16:19-31).
4. (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:27).

### D. The Grace of God.

1. It is never too late, and our sin is never too great to be forgiven if we turn to Jesus.
2. (1 Timothy 1:15).
3. (John 3:17).

- Conclusion:
1. The nature of Jesus remains the same today. He desires that all of us would be saved from our sins.
  2. However, today he is not on Earth to speak our sins forgiven, therefore, we must meet the terms of his will to receive the pardon he offers.
  3. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).