



# Seven Words to The Cross

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# 1. TEMPLE

- Mk 15:29 “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”
- Mt 27:40
- Mk 14:58 Accusation and condemnation
- Jn 2:18-22 Cleansing of the Temple
- Lk 19:41-41 Jesus wept over Jerusalem

# 1. TEMPLE

- Jn 4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.
- Ezk 47 Water from the East of the Temple
- Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let him who hears say, “Come.” And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price.

# 1. TEMPLE

- Jn 4:10 If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.
- I Cor 3:17 If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

# 2. COME DOWN, SAVE YOURSELF

- Lk 23:35, 37 “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”
- Mt 22:42-43 He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ”
- Mk 15:30-31

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- Ps 22:7-8 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”
- Ps 109:25 I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.

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- Lk 4:13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.
- Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
- Heb 10:7 Then I said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will, my God."

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- Luke 16:27-31 He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 'Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'
- 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

# 3. LET'S CAST LOTS

- Jn 19:24 “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.”
- Ps 22:18 They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- Mt 26:65 Caiaphas tore his garment
- Heb 9:11-15 Jesus the High Priest

# 3. LET'S CAST LOTS

- Phil 2:5-11 Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
- Gen 3:7 The eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked.

# 4. JESUS REMEMBER ME

- Lk 22:40-42 “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power
- Lk 22:48 “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

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- Matthew 20:11-13 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?...
- Matthew 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last.

# 5. ELIJAH

- Mt 27:47-49 This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”
- Ps. 22 Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?
- Mk 15:35-36

# 5. ELIJAH

- Mal 4:5-6 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a curse
- Mk 9:8-12 Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things; and how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, † and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."
- Mt 11:14, 17:11, Lk 9:8

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- Mt 17:1-6 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking, when behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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- 1 K 19:11-13 The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

# 6. SON OF GOD

- Mt 27:54 “Truly this was the Son of God.”
- Mk 15:19, Lk 15:19 “This man was innocent without doubt.”
- Mt 27:51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split, the tombs were open...

# 6. SON OF GOD

- Heb 9:7-8 but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary is not yet opened as long as the outer tent is still standing...
- 12:24 ...Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel.

# 7. SILENCE

- Lk 2: 34-35 Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against and a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.
- Lk 1.31-33 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

# 7. SILENCE

- Lk 2: 48-51 Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” And he said to them, “How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.
- Heb 4:12 the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

# CONTEMPLATION TO ATTAIN THE LOVE OF GOD

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will—all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.

*Ignatius Loyola*