

# 7 Last Words of Christ

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Sentences, actually



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- Which Apostles? The disciple whom Jesus loved – John (John 19:26)
- Simon the Cyrene? (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
- Romans soldiers, centurion (all 4 Gospels)
- Chief priests, elders, teachers of the Law (Matthew, Mark, John)
- 2 Criminals (Matthew, Luke, John)
- Mary, Mary, Mary, Mary (Matthew, Mark, John 19:25)



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None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**I Corinthians 2:6-8**

It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

**II Peter 2:20-21**



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...the LORD makes his life a guilt offering  
...he made intercession for the transgressors

**Isaiah 53:10,12**



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**YOU put Him to death  
Whom YOU crucified**

**Acts 2:22-36**

All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

**Matthew 27:24-25**



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**What shall we do?**

**Repent, be baptized**

**Receive the Holy Spirit**

**Accepted the message**

**Baptized**

**Added to their number**

**Acts 2:37-41**





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**When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"**

**Matthew 27:54**



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But I tell you: Love your enemies  
and pray for those who persecute you

if you do not forgive men their sins,  
your Father will not forgive your sins

Forgive us our sins,  
as we also have forgiven those  
who have sinned against us



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Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me?

Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, **"I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. (or 490X)**

**Matthew 18:21-22**



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For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin

He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray

**Hebrews 4:15-5:3**





Purim – March 7, 2023

Esther – Jews saved from Persian Haman

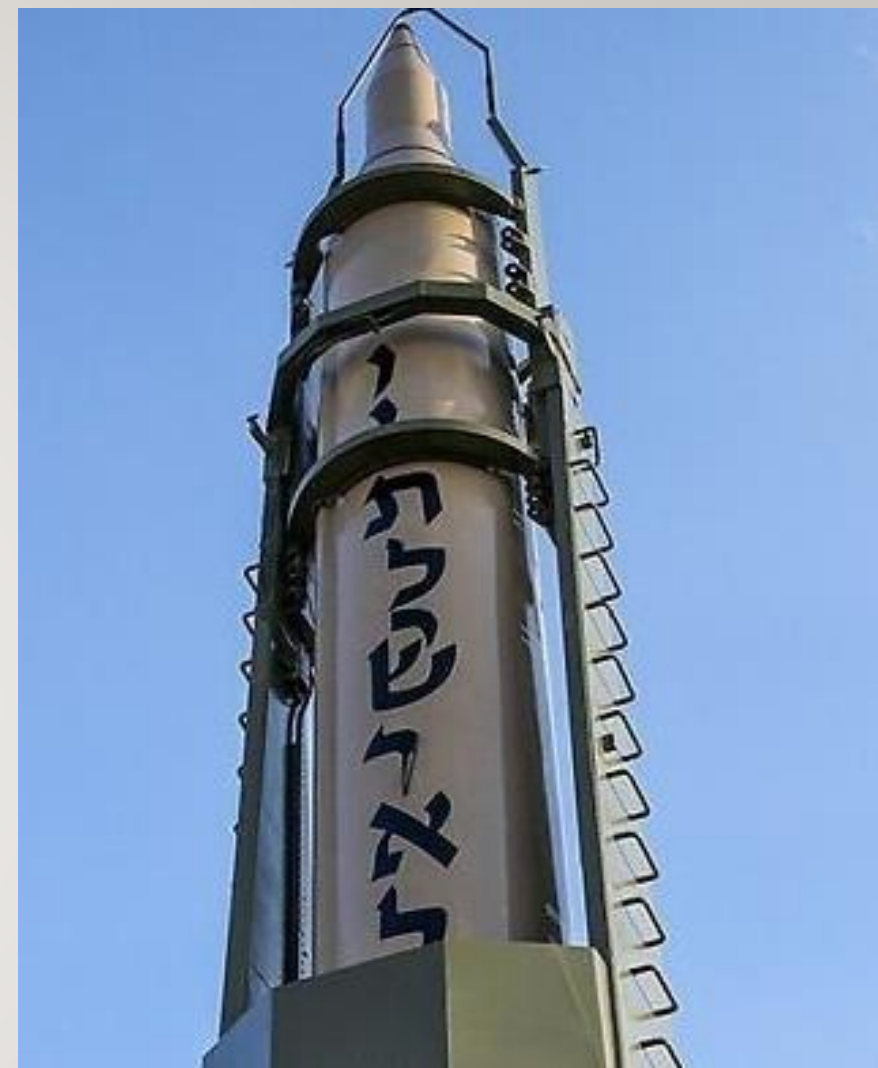
“Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes”

Iran processes uranium to 84%

Death to Israel (in Hebrew) on ICBM

Wipe Israel off the map – “the annihilation of the

Zionist regime is one of the preconditions for the arrival of the Messiah” (Ahmad Hossein Falahi 2/9/22)



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**Luke 23:43**

- Don't you fear God? You're under the same sentence! (death)
- We are receiving just punishment – we get what we deserve
- This man has done nothing wrong
- Jesus – remember me when you come into your kingdom



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**Luke 23:43**

"I tell you the truth, whoever *hears* my word  
and *believes* him who sent me *has* eternal life  
and will *not* be condemned;  
he has *crossed over* from death to life.

**John 5:24**

I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

**John 8:51**





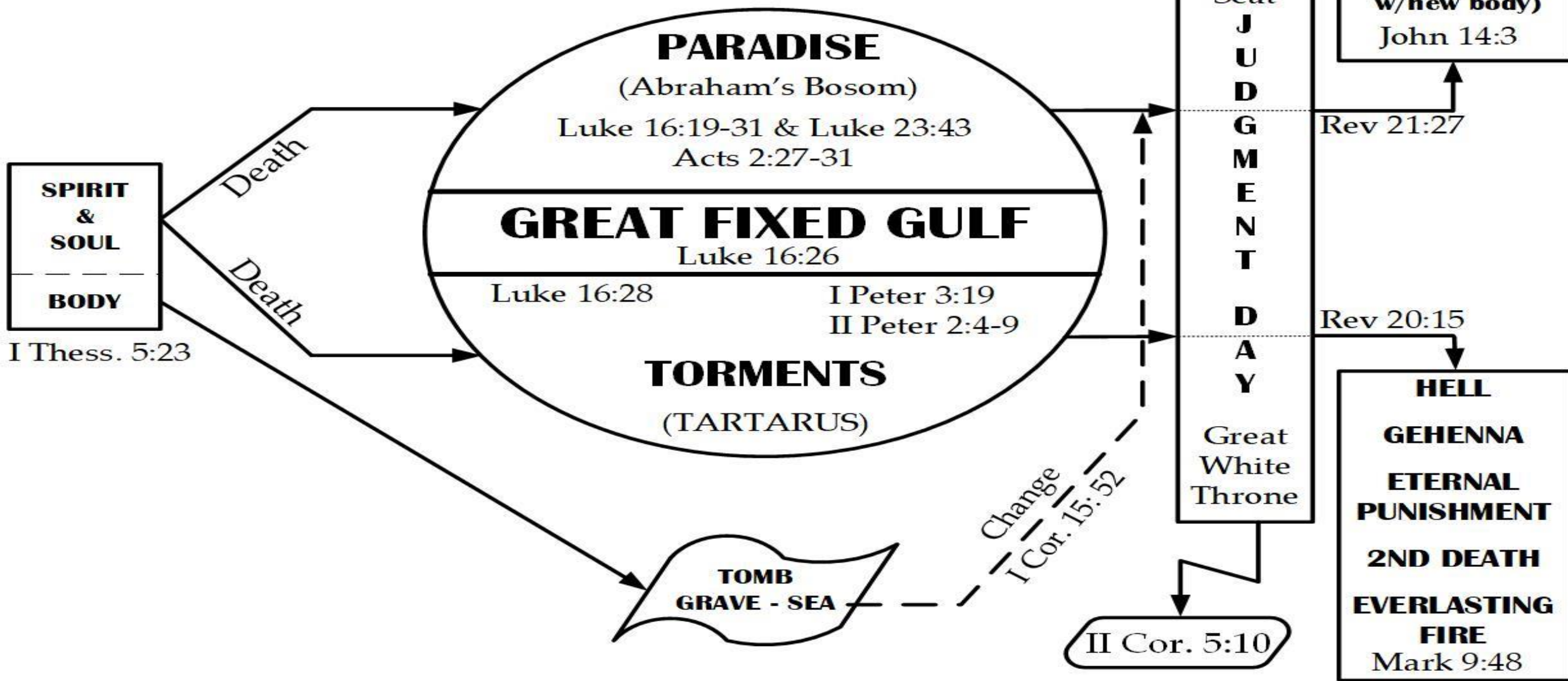
# Separation (Body from Soul)

Hebrews 9:27

Revelation 20:12

## HADES (SHEOL) (Abode of the Disembodied)

Psalm 16:10 Acts 2:31





# Universalism

The main argument for universalism is that a good and loving God would not condemn people to eternal torment in hell. Some universalists believe that after a certain cleansing period, God will free the inhabitants of hell and reconcile them to himself. Others say that after death, people will have another opportunity to choose God. For some who adhere to universalism, the doctrine also implies that there are many ways to get into heaven.



## Purgatory - Council of Florence - 1439

It has likewise defined that, if those truly penitent have departed in the love of God, before they have made satisfaction by worthy fruits of penance for sins of commission and omission, the souls of these are cleansed after death by purgatorial punishments;

## Purgatory - Council of Florence - 1439

and so that they may be released from punishments of this kind, the suffrages of the living faithful are of advantage to them, namely, the sacrifices of Masses, prayers, and almsgiving, and other works of piety, which are customarily performed by the faithful for other faithful according to the institutions of the Church.



Although we do not know which specific souls are in Purgatory, it is very possible that some of your friends and relatives are among the poor souls. Even persons who passed away long ago may still remain in Purgatory. It has been said *seven years* of penance is due for *each* mortal sin committed during one's life. It is good to assume that any particular loved one - no matter how good they appeared to you in life - may be in Purgatory.

<http://www.mycatholicsource.com>





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**Luke 23:43**

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,  
but whoever rejects the Son will not see life,  
for *God's wrath remains* on him.

**John 3:36**

Whoever believes in him is not condemned,  
but whoever does not believe *stands condemned already*  
because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**John 3:18**



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“Dear Woman, behold your son!”

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**John 19:26**

"Woman, behold your son!"  
Then He said to the disciple,  
"Behold your mother!"

**John 19:26-27**

And a sword will pierce your own soul too

**Luke 2:35**



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**John 19:26**

Age of Mary, John

Widow

James & Jude?

Perpetual virginity?

Immaculate Conception?

Assumption?

Just “Mary” – obedient, faithful, loving – Dear Woman

Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Rachel Levine promised that medically changing kids' genders will soon be normalized.

Levine also said gender-affirming care for minors had the "highest support" of the Biden administration.

Levine, a man who identifies as a woman, remarked  
“I encourage all of you [doctors] to think of yourself as ambassadors to your communities, ambassadors for science,” as well as for “compassion” and for “care.”

**Normalize > Stigmatize > Legalize > Criminalize**



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**"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"** **Matthew 27:46**

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**Eloi, Eloi – lama sabachthani**

Why have you abandoned me?

Why have you left me in this condition?

Why have you rejected me?

Why have you forgotten me?



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- Psalm 22 – vs 1** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me
- vs 7** All who see me mock me; they hurl insults
  - vs 8** "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him."
  - vs 16** ...they have pierced my hands and my feet.
  - vs 18** They divide my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.

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**"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death."**

**"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.  
Yet not as I will, but as you will."**

**"My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away  
unless I drink it, may your will be done."**

**Matthew 26:38,39,42**



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**Why do you hide your face  
and consider me your enemy? **Job 13:24****

**How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me? **Psalms 13:1****

**Do not hide your face from me  
or I will be like those who go down to the pit. **Psalms 143:7****





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The LORD bless you  
and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace." ' **Numbers 6:24-26**

**Restore us, O LORD God Almighty;  
make your face shine upon us,  
that we may be saved. **Psalm 80:19****



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Surely he has borne our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows;

**Isaiah 53:4**

**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law  
by becoming a curse for us, for it is written:  
"Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."**

**Galatians 3:13**



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Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**Psalms 51:1-12**



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For he has not despised or disdained  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.

All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him

**For He has done it**

**Psalms 22:24-31**





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“...go to Him when your need is desperate, when all other help is vain, and what do you find? A door slammed in your face, and a sound bolting and double bolting on the inside. After that, silence.”

C.S Lewis – A Grief Observed

**I will never leave you nor forsake you**

At Gethsemane and Calvary in some inexpressible way,  
God himself was forced to confront the hiddenness of God.

Philip Yancey – Disappointment with God



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**“I thirst”**

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**John 19:28**

My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death. **Psalm 22:15**

They put gall in my food  
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.  
**Psalm 69:21**

I spread out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. **Psalm 143:6**



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**John 19:28**

Beaten  
Flogged  
Scourged – skin shredded  
Carry cross  
Spit on  
Crown of thorns  
Blood loss  
Nails thru hands & feet  
Spear pierces side

He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

**Isaiah 53:7**



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**John 19:28**

Jesus answered,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,  
but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.  
Indeed, the water I give him will become in him  
a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**John 4:13-14**

To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost  
from the spring of the water of life. **Revelation 21:6**





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**“It is finished”**

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**John 19:28-30**

Knowing that all was now completed

...future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim his righteousness

to a people yet unborn —

***for he has done it.***

**Psalm 22:31**

He who was seated on the throne said to me:

**“It is done.”**

**Revelation 21:6**



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**John 19:30**

**For the very work that the Father has given me to finish,  
and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.**

**John 5:36**

## **It is finished**

Life on earth as man

Letter of law fulfilled

End of My suffering

Redemption of man

In 3 days & 50 days – you cannot imagine!



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**John 19:30**

The death he died, he died to sin once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God. **Romans 8:10**

He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.  
**Hebrews 7:27**

but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood,  
having obtained eternal redemption. **Hebrews 9:12**



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**John 19:30**

But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. **Hebrews 9:26**

we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Hebrews 10:10**

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

**I Peter 3:18**





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**John 19:30**

Nothing about my salvation has been left undone  
Christ has completed our salvation – we don't  
Nothing left for us to “fill in”  
Sin, death = finished

**Salvation by Works = DO**

**Salvation by Christ = DONE**

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**Luke 23:46**

He gave up His spirit

**John 19:30**

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life —  
only to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.  
I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.

This command I received from my Father."

**John 10:17-18**



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The body is a garment for the soul  
Tear the body (garment) release the soul

When Reuben returned to the cistern  
and saw that Joseph was not there,  
he tore his clothes.

Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth  
and mourned for his son many days.

**Genesis 37:29, 34**



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And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice,  
he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple  
was torn in two from top to bottom.

**Matthew 27:50-51**



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**Luke 23:46**

Then the glory of the Lord rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple.

The glory of the Lord went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain east of it.

**Ezekiel 10:4; 11:23**

...a time is coming when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem...but in Spirit and truth

**John 4:21**



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Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place  
by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way  
opened for us through the curtain,  
that is, his body... **Hebrews 10:19-23**

**The Counselor, the Spirit of truth -  
But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**  
**John 14:16-17**



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**Luke 23:46**

I have brought you glory on earth  
by completing the work you gave me to do.  
And now, Father, glorify me in your presence  
with the glory I had with you before the world began.

**John 17:5**





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