

Sermon series: The Last Words of Jesus
Text: Luke 23:44-46
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The End...

Big Idea: Jesus' death gives us the confidence to live and die well.

To see how Jesus died can _____ us to live _____.

1. Jesus was _____ in the Bible. (Psalm 31:5)
2. Jesus was _____ to His Father's will. (Luke 2:49; 22:42; John 5:30)
3. Takeaway: We should _____ how we want to die.

To see how Jesus died can _____ us from _____.

1. Jesus died _____ God's timeline and will. (John 10:18; 10:28-29)

"Jesus died according to the purposes of Divine Providence, not the whims of cowardly men. Just so, you and I will die, not according to the will of cancer, not according to the will of an erratic drunk cruising along the highway, not according to the will of a painful disease. We will die under the good hand of God's providential care. We will pass through the curtain according to God's clock, not the timetable of random fate." -Erwin Lutzer

2. Jesus died in the _____ of His Father.
3. Takeaway: We can _____ to our fears.

To see how Jesus died can _____ us how to face _____.

1. Jesus' death was NOT ultimately a _____. (Psalm 31:5)
2. Jesus' death was ultimately a _____.
3. Takeaway: We can face death with confident _____. (1 Cor. 15:55; Phil. 1:21)

God is forever committed to you in life and death!

When was a time in your own life when you've been confronted with your own mortality (a funeral, death of someone else you loved, a diagnosis or accident, a close call, etc)? What was that experience like? What effect does it have on you when you come in close contact with death?

If you knew you were going to die next week, how would you want to live in the upcoming week? What would you do the same, what would you do differently?



Read Matthew 10:28-31. What difference can it make in your own life when you know and believe that your life and death are held securely in God's hands and that you are immortal until he decides that you die?

What is a reoccurring fear that shows up in your life right now? What would it look like for you to "talk back" that fear and remind yourself that you are held in your Father's hands? (Take a minute as a CARE Group and just pray over some of these fears together).

What are the aspects of dying that are fearful, sad, or overwhelming? What are the aspects of death that make it feel like a tragedy? What truths or passages in the Bible most help us to see death in a new light?

Do you believe it's true to say that the day we die will actually be the greatest day of our lives? Why or why not? How can this shape when and how you think about death?

As you think back over the Last Seven Sayings of Jesus (can find them all in order here: [Luke 23:34](#); [Luke 23:43](#); [John 19:26-27](#); [Matthew 27:46](#); [John 19:28](#); [John 19:30](#); [Luke 23:46](#)) which one has been the most impactful to you? Why?

What's one thing that has stuck out to you most as we've gone through this series together? What would you hope to remember from it?