

		sermon notes
<p align="center"> "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM" March 6, 2022 Pastor Tony Arnold CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/SERMONS </p>		

FAMOUS LAST WORDS #1

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing." Luke 23:34a (GW)

"FORGIVE THEM..." – WHO ARE THEM?

1. _____.

The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!" Mark 15:29–30 (NLT)

2. _____.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ...Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again...then they led him away to crucify him. Matthew 27:27, 29b–31 (NIV)

3. _____.

Pilate saw that he was not getting anywhere. Instead, a riot was breaking out. So Pilate took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. He said, "I won't be guilty of killing this man. Do what you want!" Matthew 27:24 (GW)

4. _____.

Herod was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus, for he had heard a lot about him and had been hoping to see him perform a miracle. ...Now Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus; and putting a kingly robe on him, they sent him back to Pilate. Luke 23:8, 11 (TLB)

5. _____.

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ...The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death.

Matthew 26:3-4, 59 (NIV)

6. _____.

Then Satan entered Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles. Judas went to the chief priests and the temple guards and discussed with them how he could betray Jesus. They were pleased and agreed to give him some money. Luke 22:3–5 (GW)

After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.” Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man! Immediately a rooster crowed. Matthew 26:73–74 (NIV)

The time is coming, and is already here, when all of you will be scattered. Each of you will go your own way and leave me all alone. Yet, I’m not all alone, because the Father is with me. John 16:32 (GW)

7. _____.

We despised him and rejected him—a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised, and we didn’t care.

Yet it was our grief he bore, our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, for his own sins! But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! We—every one of us—have strayed away like sheep! We, who left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on him the guilt and sins of every one of us! Isaiah 53:3–6 (TLB)

WHY DOES THE FATHER FORGIVE US?

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them. They don’t know what they’re doing.” Luke 23:34a (GW)

WHY SHOULD WE FORGIVE LIKE JESUS?

1. **Spiritual ignorance** _____ to _____.

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 1:13–14 (NIV)

2. _____ **thrives on** _____.

When you forgive anyone, I do too. And whatever I have forgiven (to the extent that this affected me too) has been by Christ’s authority, and for your good. A further reason for forgiveness is to keep from being outsmarted by Satan, for we know what he is trying to do. 2 Corinthians 2:10–11 (TLB)

3. We share a _____ larger than _____.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

2 Corinthians 5:18–19a (NIV)

4. _____ and _____ are linked.

Then if my people will humble themselves and pray, and search for me, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (TLB)

5. Those who _____ are expected to _____.

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Colossians 3:12–13 (NLT)

YOU ARE FORGIVEN

ANSWER KEY:

- Famous Last Words #1: **“FATHER, FORGIVE THEM.”**
- Who Are Them?
 1. **THE CROWD**
 2. **THE ROMAN SOLDIERS**
 3. **PONTIUS PILATE**
 4. **KING HEROD ANTIPAS**
 5. **THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS**
 6. **THE TWELVE DISCIPLES**
 7. **YOU AND ME**
- Why Does The Father Forgive Us? **SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE**
- Why Should We Forgive Like Jesus?
 1. Spiritual ignorance **LEADS** to **WRONG ACTION**
 2. **SATAN** thrives on **UNFORGIVENESS**
 3. We share a **MESSAGE** larger than **OURSELVES**
 4. **HUMILITY** and **HEALING** are linked.
 5. Those who **RECEIVE** are expected to **GIVE**
- You are forgiven **TO FORGIVE LIKE JESUS**