

What would you want your last words to be?

Loving Like a Family:

So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified. They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.''' Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household. John 19:23–27 (NASB '95)

Why would Jesus worry about his mother's worldly future as He hung on the cross?

POINT:



DOGGY BAG Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have you experience the church of Christian fellowship as a family? How did you experience Christ's love through others?

2. When have you felt Christ calling you to include someone into the love of the family of God?

3. How might Christ by calling you to love those with disabilities?

4. How might Christ be calling you to love like a family in a small group, service team, or mission opportunity? How might Jesus be calling you to build a deeper Christian community here at Christ Church?

ANSWER KEY

Point: JESUS CALLS US TO LOVE LIKE A FAMILY.