

## WORDS OF SYMPATHY: “BEHOLD, YOUR SON”

John 19:26–27

It is a general truism that people die as they have lived. Those who come to the end of life with bitterness, regret, and harshness are often those who have lived lives characterized by those same qualities. Alternatively, those that approach their final years and months with faith, humility, and gratitude have likely exhibited those virtues in the decades prior. In the nineteenth chapter of John’s gospel, the Apostle details the events surrounding the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. It’s a horrific scene littered with plotting, suffering, mocking, screaming, crying, and bleeding. But, beyond all the brutality and injustice, readers are shown the Saviour dying as he lived, full of contagious compassion and selfless love, both of which his followers are called to mimic. Disciples of Jesus Christ are to be need-seeing and need-meeting people because they belong to a need-seeing and need-meeting God.

CARE GIVEN

19:26

Luke 2:34–35, 51

*Physically*

Deut. 24:20; Ps. 94:6

*Spiritually*

CARE ASSIGNED: *Love in Jesus’s Stead!*

19:27

13:34–35

Matt. 28:19–20; Acts 1:8

## WORDS AROUND THE CROSS

February–April 2025

February 23	“Words of Mercy: ‘Father, Forgive Them’”	Luke 23:34
March 9	“Words of Destiny: ‘You Shall Be With Me’”	Luke 23:43
March 16	“Words of Sympathy: ‘Behold, Your Son’”	John 19:26–27
March 23	“Words of Misery: ‘Why Have You Forsaken Me?’”	Matthew 27:46
March 30	“Words of Frailty: ‘I Am Thirsty’”	John 19:28
April 6	“Words of Tranquility: ‘I Commit My Spirit’”	Luke 23:46
April 11*	“Words of Prophecy: ‘Hosanna in the Highest!’”	Mark 11:1–11
April 18†	“Words of Certainty: ‘It is Finished!’”	John 19:30
April 20‡	“Words of Victory: ‘He has Risen!’”	Luke 24:1–12

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\* Palm Sunday

† Good Friday

‡ Easter Sunday