

WORDS OF FRAILTY: “I AM THIRSTY”

John 19:28

In the incarnation, God the Son, having existed eternally *as* God and *with* God, added humanity to his divinity without diminishing or compromising either nature (John 1:1–3, 14). So, on the one hand, Jesus Christ is, was, and always will be truly God (e.g., John 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Tit. 2:13; Heb. 1:8). We can—and *should*—sing with full scriptural conviction, “Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see / Hail the incarnate Deity!” At the same time, from the moment of his conception, Jesus Christ is, and always will be, truly human. At a moment in history, the invisible God became visible, and the God who is spirit became tangible (1 John 1:1–3). During his earthly life, wrapped in flesh, our Lord experienced human limitations—weakness, frailty, fatigue, temptation, pain, and death. Jesus’s true humanity allowed for his great suffering, and that suffering, in turn, showcased his deep desire.

The Humanity of Jesus

John 19:28–29

The Suffering of Jesus

Matt. 27:26; Luke 16:23–24

John 4:7–15; 6:35; 7:39

Isa. 44:3; 55:1; 58:11

The Desire of Jesus

John 19:28; 7:37; Rev. 3:20

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

* Palm Sunday

† Good Friday

‡ Easter Sunday