

## WORDS OF TRANQUILITY: “I COMMIT MY SPIRIT”

Luke 23:46

Though enduring unspeakable pain, Jesus *did* speak. From the cross he offered words of mercy for ignorant sinners (Luke 23:34), words of destiny to a dying criminal (Luke 23:43), and words of sympathy to his grieving mother (John 19:26–27). Following closely behind, came words of misery (Matt. 27:46), an agony so profound that its darkness defies human understanding. Then, with words of frailty (John 19:28), Christ’s vicarious suffering reached its pinnacle. This scene, as brutal as it is familiar, offends even those who have been cleansed by his blood and freed by his sacrifice. We may be tempted to rush ahead to the words of certainty (John 19:30) and words of victory (Luke 24:6) that follow but before we do, it’s wise to pause and, with the Spirit’s guidance, reflect on the intimate and trusting words of tranquility the Son declares to his Father.

### Two Reasons to Worship

1. Jesus’s fulfillment of prophecy Ps. 31

2. Jesus’s submissiveness in death John 10:9–18; 12:27  
Phil. 2:8; 1 Tim. 1:15

### Two Ways to Follow

1. Jesus’s use of Scripture E.g., Matt. 4:4–11; Mark 10:3  
Luke 19:46; John 8:17

2. Jesus’s faith in the Father Luke 4:9–11; 9:44  
20:19; 21:12; 22:21

## 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