

"Seven Last Words: I Thirst"

John 19:25-29

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Introduction: Seven Last Words

I Thirst

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
-Psalm 42:2, 3

During Life and Ministry

Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."
- Matthew 8:20

In Gethsemane

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." ... He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."
- Matthew 26:39, 42

On the Cross

Jesus Offers the _____ of _____

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water. ... (W)hoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- John 4:10, 14

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."
- John 7:37

Seven Last Words

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live.
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream!
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.*
- Horatius Bonar