LUKE Lesson 67

The Last Seven Statements Spoken by the Lord Fulfilled Prophecy (Luke 23:46)

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Verse 46 Jesus prayed to the Father at the end of His ministry on Earth.

His ministry had begun with prayer. Prayer was an essential part of our Lord's life (Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Mt 14:23). He prayed all night before selecting His twelve apostles (Luke 6:12).

Jesus was about His Father's business (Luke 2:49) from His childhood to His death on the cross. He spoke of the Father 17 times during His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). He spoke of the Father 45 times in His final discourse (John 14-16), and 6 more times in John 17.

His every action and every word centered around the Father's will (John 8:28, 12:49).

PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED UPON THE LAST SEVEN UTTERANCES OF JESUS CHRIST

- PROPHECY: He...made intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12).
 FULFILLMENT: Father, forgive them... (Luke 23:34). Jesus prayed and made intercession for the very transgressors who desired His death. He still does that today (Heb 7:25, 1 Jn 2:1, 1 Tim 2:5, Rom 8:34).
- PROPHECY: He shall save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).
 FULFILLMENT: To day shalt thou be with me in paradise (Luke 23:43). Jesus forgave him of his sins.
- PROPHECY: (To Mary) Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also (Luke 2:35).
 The word of God [must pierce] even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit (Heb 4:12). Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8). Faith comes by the word of God (Rom 10:17).
 - FULFILLMENT: **Woman, Behold thy son** (John 19:26). Jesus was no longer Mary's son. Her relationship to Jesus changed from a physical one to a spiritual one. He is her Savior and she must trust in Him for her salvation. She did that (Acts 1:14).
- 4. PROPHECY: **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** (Psalm 22:1) FULFILLMENT: **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me**? (Mt 27:46).
- 5. PROPHECY: They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." (Psalm 69:21)

FULFILLMENT: I thirst (John 19:28).

- 6. PROPHECY: None shall keep alive his own soul... they shall come, and shall declare his righteousness...that he hath done this (Psalm 22:28-31).
 - FULFILLMENT: **It is finished** (John 19:30). When Jesus said these words, He had made a full and complete payment for every sin you would ever commit in your lifetime. Today we declare the righteousness of Jesus Christ because "there is none righteous" to keep alive his own soul.
- 7. PROPHECY: Into thine hand I commit my spirit (Psalm 31:5). FULFILLMENT: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit (Luke 23:46). Jesus knew He was safe in the Father's hands. Can you confidently say that when you die you will go to be with the Father in Heaven? If your trust is in Jesus Christ, you can have that assurance!

Luke 9:28-31 Jesus spoke to Moses and Elijah about "his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem."

Jesus' death on the cross was not a tragedy; it was a great and wonderful accomplishment. Men didn't put Him to death. He accomplished that death as the only acceptable payment for our sins.