

The Final Words of Jesus:
“Father, forgive them...”
March 8, 2026

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)

How does the final words of Jesus still speak today?

1. The final words of Jesus still speak today because of what He endured on the Cross.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” (Luke 23:35)

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. (Luke 23:36-38)

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” (Luke 23:39)

2. The final words of Jesus still speak today because of what He did on the Cross.
3. The final words of Jesus still speak today because of what the Cross represented to Jesus.

What is Jesus saying to us?

1. Jesus forgives you and me.
2. Jesus leads by example.

“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,” – Jesus (Matthew 5:44)

How can we forgive as Christ has forgiven us?

1. We can forgive ourselves.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

*In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 8:37-39)*

2. We can forgive others.

*29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 **Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.** (Ephesians 4:29-32)*

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Reflections:

1. How can you experience the forgiveness of Jesus (this week)?
2. How can you pass forgiveness to yourself and others?
3. How does the Cross speak to you afresh this Easter Season?

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Upcoming News + Notes:

- **Want to take your journey with Jesus to the next step?** We have a water baptism class on Sunday, March 15th between services. Sign up today online or in the main foyer.
- **ACBM TODAY** at 1:30 pm. Lunch slots are at 11:00 am and 12:45 pm. Reports and nominees have been released. All are welcome.
- **Summer Getaway at Summit Pacific College** (formerly Summer Camp) on July 3-5, 2026. Save the dates! Details released shortly.
- **Bible Tour: Footsteps of the Ancient Followers of Jesus in Italy.** October 6-16, 2026, with Pastor Andy + Annick. Details on the church website and app.

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