



Last Words
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John 12:20-50, p. 899
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Introduction

In this passage God provides us with four statements that summarize the message and ministry of Jesus.

The Text: John 12:20-50

Jesus' Last Words: Four Statements

- 1) “My death gives you life” (vv. 20-26).

- 2) “Don’t misunderstand the gospel” (vv. 27-30).

- 3) “I am victorious over this world and the next” (vv. 31-36).

- 4) “My victory is personally displayed in your ability to see and believe the gospel” (vv. 37-50).

Response

Listen to Jesus’ last words: Jesus’ death, the gospel, and his victory over all things are offered to you today!

Sunday Text Questions for John 12:20-50

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- 1) Starter Question: If your life was soon to end, what last words would you say to family and friends?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What does Jesus' important statement in v. 23 mean?
- 4) How does Jesus' illustration in vv. 24-26 help us understand the significance of his death and the nature of the Christian life?
- 5) What does the prayer between Jesus and the Father in vv. 27-30 teach us?
- 6) How should v. 31 scare the world and the ruler of this world, Satan?
- 7) Vv. 37-41 raise questions about the sovereignty of God and his active role over humanity. How do you handle such teachings in Scripture's which posit that humans have freedom to act and yet simultaneously God is free and sovereign over humans?
- 8) In vv. 42-43, people were afraid to confess publically their belief in Jesus. How do you handle the tension between loving "the glory that comes from people" and the "glory that comes from God?"
- 9) What in these last public words of Jesus strikes you as important or convicting?
- 10) Concluding summary: What does this text teach us about *faith* (doctrine), *hope* (perspective), and/or *love* (practice)?

Further study this week: Isaiah 42 on the Servant of the Lord (Mon); Isaiah 52 on the "lifting up" of the Servant (Tues); 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 on the blinding of unbelievers by Satan (Wed); Revelation 12 on God's defeat of Satan (Thurs); 1 Peter 4 on confessing Christ without fear (Fri).