

## Saying: No 7

### Scriptures: Luke 23 v 46

*Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last*

I am going to speak now on the final saying of Jesus from the cross, which is.

**“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit”.**

The final thing that Jesus did on the cross was to hand Himself over to the Father. He entrusted himself to the Father.

We noticed in one of the previous sayings of Jesus from the cross that He said **“My God my God why have you forsaken me”**.

Jesus was truly man as well as being truly God. He took on the nature of man, which meant that he was the same a man in nature, except His nature was sinless.

He was therefore Spirit, soul and body. Jesus had feelings; he was affected emotionally affected by what He felt and by what He saw. When he stood at the grave of Lazarus it tells us in **John 11 v 35**: *‘Jesus wept’*. When He looked over Jerusalem it tells us in **Luke 19 v 41** *“He beheld the city and wept over it”*.

**Mark 10 vs13 to 16** says: *“And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.*

*14 But when Jesus saw it, he was very displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.*

*15 Assuredly, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.*

*16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them”.*

In **John 2 v 14**: we read *“In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.*

*15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.*

*16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"*

*17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."*

We are assured by these verses from the N.T. that Jesus was emotionally affected in the same way as all other human beings are affected.

The words of a song I have not heard for years, says. **“I have a Christ who is human as well as divine. Human to know all my weakness human with feelings like mine”**.

Jesus was a man, Spirit, soul, and body. That's why He could be tempted like we are yet remain without sin. That's why He could die and expire like we do when we die. That's why He could feel like we feel, be emotionally affected like any other human being. He was unique even though He had the nature of man and not angels.

So, when He said, *"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"*. It was proof the actuality of human spirit and of its separate existence and that it vacates the body when it is dead.

Jesus handed over His spirit to the Father, and then expired. The real Jesus was still alive, only His body was lifeless.

Jesus was proving that when we die, it is not the end. Jesus did not cease to be after He had said these words. He was not annihilated so that He ceased to exist. Even though His body was pulled down from the cross lifeless, His spirit was alive and in safe keeping because He had committed it to His Father.

The last words of famous people have been noted throughout history. Here are a few.

*This is the last of earth! I am content. John Quincy Adams, US President, d. February 21, 1848*

*See in what peace a Christian can die. Joseph Addison, writer, d. June 17, 1719*

*Am I dying or is this my birthday? When she woke briefly during her last illness and found all her family around her bedside. ~ Lady Nancy Astor, d. 1964*

*Josephine. Napoleon Bonaparte, French Emperor, May 5, 1821, I am about to -- or I am going to -- die: either expression is correct.*

When Paul was coming to the end of his ministry, he said in **2 Tim 4 vs 6 & 7** *“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”*.

When He said the words, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit”**

### **1. Jesus had Completed His Mission.**

**John 17 v 4** *I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do*

### **2. Jesus had Conquered Satan**

**Col 2 v 15** *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

### **3. Jesus was Crowned the Victor**

**Hebrews 2 v 9** *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*