

Famous Last Words – “I Thirst” Jn. 19:28-29

Introduction:

The interesting thing about this statement is not only what Jesus says, but why He says it.

In this statement, we see two different sides of Christ that we will notice today.

We see His humanity in His needs.

We also see His deity in His fulfillment of prophecy (which is the main purpose of the book of John).

Much of our lesson will come from the book of Matthew.

-Matthew is a book that is written with the purpose of showing the Jews that Jesus is the Son of God.

-We also see the human side of Jesus in numerous passages throughout Matthew.

-In the majority of cases, this is not the original intent of the passage; but they do show His humanity.

I. While on the earth, Jesus was a human who had the needs of a human.

A. We often think of the deity of Christ, but we sometimes forget that He was also a human with human needs.

1. We know that He was deity because He was the Son of God.

a. **Jn. 1:1-3** (Christ was with God in the beginning) - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} He was in the beginning with God. {3} All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

b. **Heb. 10:12** (After His death, Christ returned to the right hand of God) - But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

2. However, we sometimes forget that while He was on the earth, He was a Man.

B. Notice the qualities of Jesus as a Human.

1. Jesus lived the life of a human.

a. He was born.

1) **Mt. 1:1** - The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

2) **Mt. 1:16-17** - And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. {17} So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

3) **Gal. 4:4** - But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

- b. He grew as a child into a man.
 - 1) **Lk. 2:40** - And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.
 - 2) **Lk. 2:52** - And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

2. Jesus had the needs of a human.

- a. He was hungry
 - 1) **Mt. 4:2** - And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.
 - 2) **Mt. 21:18** - Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.
- b. He needed rest.
 - 1) **Mt. 8:24** - And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.
 - 2) **Jn. 4:6** - Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

3. Jesus had the feelings (emotions) of a human.

- a. **Jn. 11:35** - Jesus wept.
- b. **Mt. 26:37** - And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.
- c. **Jn. 2:13-22** - Anger as He drives out the money changers from the temple.

4. Jesus suffered as a Man.

- a. **Heb. 2:17-18** - Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. { 18 } For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.
- b. When He was beaten and crucified, He felt the pain of it.
- c. After Jesus was raised, He still had the scars.
 - 1) **Lk. 24:39** - Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.

- C. Jesus was Human; and while on the cross He showed His humanity in this statement in **John 19:28**.

II. While on the earth, Jesus was deity and fulfilled the prophecies that were written about Him.

- A. It was prophesied that Jesus would be thirsty while on the cross.
 - 1. **Ps. 22:14-15** - I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. {15} My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; you have brought Me to the dust of death.
- B. Christ came to fulfill the prophecies concerning Him.
 - 1. **Mt. 5:17** - Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.
 - 2. **Lk. 4:16-21** - So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. {17} And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: {18} “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; {19} To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” {20} Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. {21} And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
- C. Notice some of the prophecies that were fulfilled in Christ in the book of Matthew.
 - 1. **Mt. 1:22-23** (Birth) - So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: {23} “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”
 - 2. **Mt. 4:13-16** (Jesus moves to Capernaum) - And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, {14} that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: {15} “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: {16} The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”
 - 3. **Mt. 8:16-17** (Jesus healed others) - When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, {17} that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”
 - 4. **Mt. 13:34-35** (Speaking in Parables) - All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, {35} that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.”

5. **Mt. 21:1-5** (How Jesus would enter Jerusalem) - Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, {2} saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. {3} "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." {4} All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: {5} "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
 6. **Mt. 26:51-56** (How Jesus was arrested) - And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. {52} But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. {53} Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? {54} How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" {55} In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. {56} But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.
 7. **Lk. 24:44** (Concerning the entire life of Christ) - Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."
- D. Christ was concerned about fulfilling the prophecies that were written concerning Him.
1. Jesus fulfilled numerous other prophecies throughout His life.
 2. Even while on the cross, Jesus was concerned about fulfilling the words of the prophets.

Conclusion:

- A. There is one prophecy concerning Christ that has yet to be fulfilled.
1. That prophecy concerns His return.
 - a. **Jn. 14:1-3** - Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. {2} In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. {3} And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
 - b. **Jn. 20:17** - Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"
 2. When this prophecy is fulfilled, those who are His will live eternally with Him.