

Famous Last Words – Woman, Behold Your Son
Jn. 19:25-27

Introduction:

I. Jesus always had compassion and love for others.

- A. Notice some examples of the compassion of Christ.
1. **Mt. 9:36** (As Jesus was going through the villages and cities teaching) - But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
 2. **Mt. 14:14** (After Jesus hears of the death of John the baptizer) - And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.
 3. **Mt. 15:32** (Jesus in feeding the 4,000) - Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”
 4. **Mt. 20:34** (Jesus heals two blind men who have begged for mercy) - So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.
 5. **Mk. 1:41** (Jesus heals a leper) - And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”
 6. **Mk. 5:19** (Jesus cast demons out of Legion) - However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”
 7. **Mk. 9:22** (A boy with demons is healed by Jesus) - “And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”
 8. **Lk. 7:13** (Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain) - When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”
- B. In each of these examples, Jesus provided for the immediate need that they had.
1. Jesus had great love and compassion for those whom He met.
 2. He was always willing to provide for the needs of those around Him.
 3. He was always showing compassion and doing things for others that they could not do for themselves.
- C. This compassion and love is even seen in His death.

II. In these words, Jesus is showing His compassion and love for his mother.

- A. Jesus, while hanging on the cross, wanted to make sure that His mother was cared for.
1. Mary had been with Jesus along the way.
 - a. She had raised Him.
 - 1) In **Lk. 2:8-20**, the shepherds come to Jesus while He was still in the manger,
 - a) These shepherds told of the prophecy concerning Christ.
 - b) While all those who heard their words marveled, Mary pondered them (**Lk. 2:19**).
 - 2) In **Lk. 2:22-24**, Mary and Joseph offer the sacrifice necessary after the days of her purification
 - 3) In **Lk. 2:41-50**, Joseph and Mary go to Jerusalem for the Passover.
 - a) While there, Jesus becomes lost and Joseph and Mary begin to look for Him.
 - 4) The point is that Mary raised Jesus from His birth.
 - b. Mary was also with Jesus when He performed His first miracle.
 - 1) In **Jn. 2:1-12**, Jesus is with His mother in Cana of Galilee.
 - 2) When they run out of wine, Jesus turns water to wine.
 2. Now, in the most trying time of His life, she was standing by His cross.
 3. With this statement of Jesus to John and Mary, some have assumed that Joseph, her husband, is dead.
 - a. The last mention of Joseph is in **John 6:42** when they are rejecting Jesus.
 - b. There is no mention in the Bible of the death of Joseph.
 - c. With Jesus saying these things to John and Mary, it appears that he is no longer there.
- B. Jesus understood His responsibility as the son of Mary to make sure that she was cared for.
1. Children have a responsibility to care for their parents in their old age.
 - a. **Js. 1:27** - Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.
 - b. Paul writes about the care of a widow in need.
 - 1) **I Tim. 5:3-4** - Honor widows who are really widows. {4} But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.
 - 2) **I Tim. 5:16** - If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.
 - 3) Even though Paul is speaking directly about the church and widows, the principle would apply even as Jesus was on the cross.

III. In these words, Jesus is showing a great deal of trust and love for John.

- A. Throughout the book of John, John refers to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.”
 - 1. John had a very close relationship with Christ.
 - a. John was one of the disciples that was with Jesus on very special occasions.
 - 1) **Lk. 8:51** (Raising Jairus’ daughter from the dead) - When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.
 - 2) **Mt. 17:1** (The mount of Transfiguration) - Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;
 - 3) **Mk. 13:3** (As John is with the selected disciples as they ask Jesus about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of time) - Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,
 - 4) **Lk. 22:8** (It was Peter and John that went to prepare the upper room for the Passover just before the death of Jesus) - And He sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.”
 - 5) **Mk. 14:33** (As Jesus is praying just before He is betrayed) - And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.
 - 6) Now Jesus has another important request for John.
 - b. John was also a key part of the beginning of the New Testament church.
 - 1) **Acts 3:1** - Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
 - 2) **Acts 8:14-15** - Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, { 15 } who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Now Jesus is giving John another very important task.
 - a. Jesus says to him, “Behold your mother!”
 - b. This was an extremely important task; and one that could be taken lightly.
 - c. Therefore, Jesus gave it to the disciple that He loved.
- B. John readily obeyed Christ.
 - 1. “From that hour that disciple took her to his own home” (**19:27**).
- C. John was a close friend of Jesus.
 - 1. He was one that could be counted on in a time of need.
 - 2. Jesus relied on John to help Him in this all-important task of taking care of His mother.

Conclusion: