

Courier Journal

The Seven Last Words Echo Across the Centuries

The First Word

Father Forgive Them... 'Forgive!' Were these words meant for you and me? We were not there, but clear in destiny...

The Second Word

This Day Thou Shalt Be With Me In Paradise... His second words a benison conveyed. The promised sword of justice now is stayed...

The Third Word

Woman, Behold Thy Son... Behold Thy Mother... He whispers now: 'Woman, behold thy son.' He yet the final course his blood has run...

The Fourth Word

I Thirst... Of pain endured by human kind, the worst is summed up in the agonized 'I thirst.'



He did not moan when hands and feet were riven... He did not murmur when they raised the tree... He did not moan when hands and feet were riven...

Is it mere earthly water? Nay, His plea Heard down from the reaches of eternity...

The Fifth Word

My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me? A God forsaken? Yes, the Son of God Who brought back Lazarus and from a clod...

The Sixth Word

It Is Finished... Now it is finished. Consummatus est. Perhaps her heart was calmed who loved Him best...

The Seventh Word

Father, Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit... Once called He 'Abba! Father!' Now He cries With agony that rends the earth and skies...

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Come, Follow Me

This week brings us two outstanding examples of obedience to God's call of acceptance of the vocation that was God's will. Joseph and Patrick were true to God's call...

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Holy Week

As our thoughts dwell with the Prince of Peace in His agony and sorrows during this Holy Week, the 'Great Week' of all the year, may our poor prayers help to bring to the world the peace that He alone can give...

Every Day for Christ!

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court declaring unconstitutional the use of public schools for instruction in religion does not include any prohibition of use of private buildings for such instruction on released time...

Guarded Until

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew is read on Palm Sunday. It begins with Christ's prophecy of His approaching crucifixion. Judas betrays Him to His enemies for thirty pieces of silver...

Christ's enemies were not satisfied with what they had done. Christ had been humiliated, dishonored before the people. They had tried to kill Him. Now they come to Pilate. They are worried. Christ had promised He would rise again. His disciples might easily steal the body...

Dr. Gillis Says:

'Non-Sectarian Education

A few weeks ago I commenced, in this column, to say something about a particular idea contained in G. K. Chesterton's 'What's Wrong with the World'...

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permit the objector—in this case probably a highly indignant objector—to say, 'The fellow is pleased to be paradoxical; he is indulging in his usual gymnastics with phrases; he is trying to be smart; he cannot mean what he says; or if he does, it is because he has permitted his mind to be subjugated by religion, and at that a sectarian religion.'

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