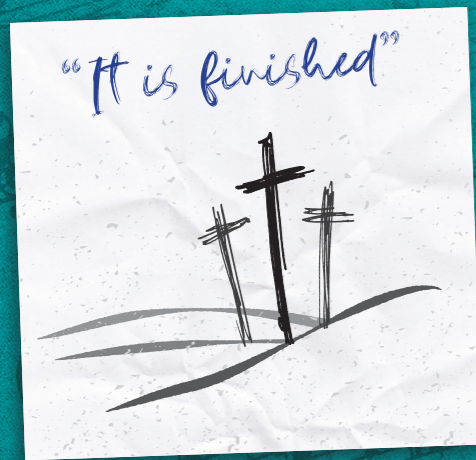


What a sad collection of last words!

Some recognised that their lives had been superficial and that they had been chasing an illusion. Some admitted that they made wrong choices. Others were just full of despair.

But one Man's last words show no such doubt or despair. These are the words of the only person who lived a perfect life – the Lord Jesus Christ. When hanging on the cross He said:



Why did He say that? His life was not finished; three days later He rose again from the dead! What was finished was His work of being punished for the sins of others. His suffering on the cross opened the way for us to escape God's anger against all that is wrong, and that we might go to heaven to be with Him when we die.

On the cross Jesus suffered in our place and took the punishment we deserve. As soon as anyone trusts that Jesus died for their sins and asks God for forgiveness an amazing transfer takes place and His perfect record becomes theirs. They are no longer condemned.

Everything has been done so that you too can have your sins forgiven. God, out of His great love, offers you salvation through Jesus Christ.

None of the singers we quoted died for your sins. None of them can give you peace or grant you eternal life. But the

Lord Jesus is different. He is the Prince of Peace, God clothed in humanity. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. If we trust Him, we can find peace and eternal life when we die.

We don't know what your last words will be, but we do wonder what your next words will be. Will they be to turn from all your sins and believe in Jesus for salvation?

Would you make these words your next words?

"Yes, Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins. I ask you please to forgive me and become my Lord and Saviour."

God promises in His word, the Bible, "For whoever calls upon the name of the LORD will be saved."

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- Please send me a free copy of John's Gospel (a book of the Bible that describes Jesus' life).
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WHO SAID IT?

*"My heart is heavy,
and my hope is gone."*

The last words of famous musicians



The songs they sing can touch our hearts. That's why many people love them and listen to their music over and over again.

And the last words they said or sang speak to us too. They tell us about how they felt when they faced the final curtain. The mask falls and they reveal who they really are.

Here are some examples beginning with one of the most famous singers of all time:

Freddie Mercury



These are the last words of the last song that he sang. He died shortly afterwards from AIDS.

*"I've walked too long in this lovely love
I've had enough of this same old game
I'm a man of the world and they say
that I'm strong
But my heart is heavy, and my hope is gone."*

Some have died very young:

"I don't want to die."

Amy Winehouse

the British singer and songwriter who died of alcohol poisoning in 2011.



"It's better to burn out than to fade away."



Kurt Cobain

frontman of Nirvana. These words were written on his suicide note.

*"The story of life is quicker than the blink of an eye.
The story of love is hello and goodbye, until we meet again."*

Jimi Hendrix

the American guitarist. This is the last sentence of a poem written on his deathbed.



All three were only 27 years old.

For others their life was cut short unexpectedly:

"I'm shot. I'm shot."

John Lennon

one of the Beatles. He was shot dead by a fan outside the apartment where he lived. He was loving life with his wife and young son and had just released a new album that was selling very well. He had everything to live for, it seemed.



"Father hates me and I'm never coming back."

Marvin Gaye

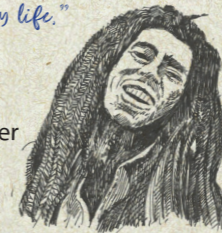
writer and singer. He was shot by his father (who was later found to have a brain tumour) during a row.



"Money can't buy life."

Bob Marley

the Jamaican singer and composer. He died aged 36 from cancer that began in his toe.



Others lived longer but still did not find peace and happiness:

"Wait a few days before you waste any prayers."



Prince

singer songwriter.

He spoke these words to the audience at one of his last shows.



These are lyrics from the last song **Chuck Berry** (the father of rock and roll) recorded.

At one time, he was charged with child abuse and imprisoned for tax evasion.

*So be the temples men have cherished
Crumbled in ruins to rot and rust
Now lies each pillar and arch to perish
Doomed to decay and rot to dust.*

"So much wasted time."

David Cassidy

the 1970's pop star. His attempt to relaunch his career had been unsuccessful and he had tried to hide his alcoholism.

