

“Last Words of Christ: Matthew”

Week 5

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What A cup of water made a huge impact on Matthew, when Jesus explained that if anyone showed an act of kindness, even as simple as offering a drink to one of the disciples, they would not lose their reward. When Jesus said on the cross, “I thirst,” it was clear that He felt all the same physical ailments and pains that we feel, even down to being thirsty. He went through the pain, the aches, and the thirst not only for His sake, but also for all of ours.

Themes: Easter, Kindness, God’s Love, Acts of Service

Who Matthew

When Bible times with a modern twist

**Wear
(Props)** Modern casual clothes
Glass of water

Why Matthew 10:42; John 19:28-29; Philippians 2:3-5

How Speak to the audience as if you’re speaking to one person—as if you’re in a therapy session or being interviewed. It’s a personal and emotional story for Matthew. Be careful not to rush through the words, but also don’t let them drag on. Find a good rhythm, being mindful of the pacing.

The Title Card can be displayed on your screen before the monologue begins.

For more ideas on how to perform this script, watch “Last Words of Christ: Matthew” at SkitGuys.com.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

TITLE CARD:

"I thirst." John 19:38

Matthew, the tax collector, holds a cup of water. He takes a sip. Regards it.

Matthew: A cup of water. Nothing I would have thought twice about until the day Jesus sat the twelve of us down. We'd been busy that morning, taking care of the business of his ministry, running errands, talking to the townspeople, but that afternoon he gathered us all together in a quiet place.

Thinks through how he'll tell the story.

He talked a long time...not in parables or stories this time, but plainly. Strikingly plain.

Sips the water.

Bottom line was this, if we were going to follow him, things were going to get dicey for us. We were sure to face physical harm just for speaking his name. He wasn't painting a pretty picture, but we knew this was the price for carrying out his message.

Remembering the moment.

As he spoke of all of this misery to come, I put on a brave face, nodded my resolve, but inside? I was trembling like a cornered mouse in a house full of cats. I was a tax collector, not a soldier. What did I know of courage or bravery? I couldn't be more ordinary. And I remember thinking, "I wonder if Jesus knows how scared I am right now?"

Beat, a smile.

Not a sparrow falls, he said, without being in the Father's care. How much more we were worth!

Stares at the cup of water.

But this...this is what got me. He told us that any act of kindness done to us, his followers—even something as small as giving us a cold cup of water—that person will never lose their reward. That's how much we mattered to him. A small act of kindness toward us—maybe in the worst of circumstances—was a big deal in heaven for anyone who cared enough to give it, no matter how small.

Feels the water on his fingertips.

PURCHASE
When Jesus was on the cross he said, "I thirst." That very cup of water he spoke of...we couldn't even give it to him. He was willing to die painfully...thirsty, even. For our sake. And still he cared for us down to even a single cold cup of water.

Beat

And because of that, my courage grew. Not from bravery. But from love.

Lights fade.

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