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others on his last day. He impressed the Roman centurion at the base of the cross who confessed that Jesus was a righteous man and the Son of God (Luke 23:47).

Your Last Day

So, what about your last day? What would you change? Will your last day be similar to the last day of Jesus? What do you need to do differently?

Do you need to clear up matters with others before you die (Matthew 5:24)?

Do you need to forgive others before you die (Matthew 6:12; Ephesians 4:32)?

Do you need to tell others the truth of the gospel to save them from sin before you die (Ezekiel 3:18-19)?

Do you need to obey the gospel and have your sins washed away in baptism before you die (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)?

Do you need to come back to Christ as an erring child of God before you die (Acts 8:22)?

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No one can predict exactly when death will come (Hebrews 9:27). How will you die? Will you die the death of the wicked or will you die the death of the righteous (Numbers 23:10; Psalm 116:15; Ezekiel 33:11; Romans 14:7-8; Hebrews 11:13; Revelation 14:13)?

Are you ready to die like Jesus was ready and Paul was ready (Philippians 1:20-23; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)? Friend, today could be your last day! - *Chris Reeves*

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The Last Day of Your Life

Editor's note: Last Thursday morning, I heard a young preacher named Sean Cavender preach a fine sermon on the Kingdom of God. I had never met him, so I introduced myself after his sermon and told him he did a fine job and to keep up the good work. Later that evening, he was hit by a driver running a red light and was killed instantly. He was 36 years old. He had been married for 10 years and he had two sons. Please pray for his wife and children. How brief life really is!

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The Last Day of Your Life

What would you do differently if today were the last day of your life? Would you live the way you are now or would you change something immediately? We just don't know when our time to die is coming. It is best to live each day as if it were our last day, because one day sooner or later, it will be.

Jesus knew he would have a "last day". Consider what he said on three different occasions recorded in the gospel of Mark:

And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be

rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again (Mark 8:31).

For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he shall rise again (Mark 9:31).

Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles: ³⁴ and they shall mock him, and shall spit upon him, and shall scourge him, and shall kill him; and after three days he shall rise again (Mark 10:33-34).

How did Jesus face his last day and what can we learn from him about our own last day?

Jesus' Last Day

Jesus taught others on his last day. He taught his disciples one last time before his death (Luke 22:26,32).

Jesus prayed to God on his last day. He prayed for his suffering and he was resigned to do God's will concerning his suffering (Luke 22:41).

Jesus endured rejection on his last day. He was betrayed with a kiss by Judas and he was denied three times by Peter (Luke 22:48, 61).

Jesus endured abuse on his last day. He was mocked and beaten but he did not retaliate (Luke 22:63; 23:11; 1 Peter 2:23).

Jesus thought of others first on his last day. He spoke to the women who were weeping for him (Luke 23:28).

Jesus forgave others on his last day. He prayed: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Jesus ignored his critics on his last day. He heard those at the base of the cross mocking him but he did not retaliate (Luke 23:35-37).

Jesus saved others on his last day. He said to the penitent thief: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).

Jesus was right with God on his last day. He was obedient unto death (Luke 23:43,46; Philippians 2:8; 1 Peter 2:23).

Jesus left a positive impression on