

THE FIFTH WORD

WORDS FROM THE CROSS

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"I THIRST"

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS LEFT.

**JESUS HAS NOW BECOME ONLY A
HUMAN MAN.**

**HE DOES NOT ASK FOR ANYTHING, BUT
DECLARES HIS NEED LIKE THE MAN IN
HADeS.**

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“Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.” LK 16

***WATER IS THE ESSENTIAL OF LIFE
LIKE THE WORD OF GOD.***

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22 And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. 23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with **myrrh** to drink, but He did not take *it*.

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So the first wine (mixed with myrrh) was designed to dull Jesus' pain, to keep him from having to endure the cross with full consciousness. This wine he refused.

He would take nothing to cloud his faculties or blunt the pain of dying. He chooses to suffer every element of woe in the bitter cup of agony given him by the Father.

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²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. JOHN 19

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The second (sour) wine was given to keep him “conscious for as long as possible,” and thus have the effect of prolonging his pain. This is the wine Jesus drank.

Other condemned criminals would have taken the first (to ease their torment) and passed on the second (so as not to prolong their horrific pain). But Jesus would take no shortcuts on the way to our redemption. At the cross,

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He drank the wine of his Father's wrath
down to its very dregs, and he did so for us
—that we might enjoy the wine of his
Father's love, join him at the Marriage
Supper of the Lamb, and live redeemed
forever in the glorious presence of the one
who took no shortcuts in saving us.

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.201 ὥξος, ους *n*: a cheap, **sour wine** (evidently a favorite beverage of poorer people and relatively effective in quenching thirst)—‘sour wine.

‘he took a sponge and soaked it with sour wine’ Mt 27:48. ‘Sour wine’ is sometimes rendered as ‘bitter wine’ or ‘sour juice.’

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**DRUGS
BITTER WATER**

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DRUGS

²⁰ But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹ And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries (**DRUGS**) or their sexual immorality or their thefts. REV 9

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DRUGS

²⁰ But For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery (**DRUGS**) all the nations were deceived. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.” REV 18

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DRUGS/Pharmakeia

The word pharmakeia has a range of meanings. It can refer to magic, but it very often refers to the practice of medicine or what might be called healing arts (see Liddell and Scott, a Greek-English Lexicon)

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DRUGS/Pharmakeia

In "sorcery," the use of drugs, whether simple or potent, was generally accompanied by incantations and appeals to occult powers, with the provision of various charms, amulets, etc., professedly designed to keep the applicant or patient from the attention and power of demons, but actually to impress the applicant with the

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FOR DRUGS

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money,
Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
and your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
and let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and
your soul shall live; and I will make an
everlasting covenant with you—The sure
mercies of David.

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BITTERNESS

²⁰Reproach has broken my heart,
And I am full of heaviness;
I looked for someone to take pity,
but there was none; And for
comforters, but I found none.²¹

They also gave me gall for my
food, And for my thirst they gave
me vinegar to drink.

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FOR BITTERNESS

37 On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. JOHN 7

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Thirst - the ultimate desire

**MAN'S/THE WORLD'S
ANSWER**

Wisdom of the serpent

THE FATHER'S ANSWER

Wisdom of the WORD