

THE SADDEST WORDS

Matthew 16:24-26

INTRO:

- A. Jesus spoke of losing our soul. The idea of being lost brings great sadness.
- B. What can we do to avoid these sad words?

I. LOST-DESTROYED-PERISH

- A. Lose your soul. Matthew 26:26
 - 1. Lose yourself. Luke 9:25
 - 2. The part of us that lives on. Ecclesiastes 12:6-7
 - 3. The outward man perishes. 2 Corinthians 4:16
- B. Destroyed in Hell. Matthew 10:28
- C. Everlasting destruction. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

II. DEPART

- A. You workers of iniquity. Matthew 7:21-23
- B. You cursed. Matthew 25:41,46
- C. Cast out into darkness. Matthew 25:30

III. ALMOST

- A. Almost persuaded. Acts 26:28-29
- B. Would not confess Him. John 12:42-43
- C. What do I lack? Matthew 19:20-22

IV. OR - SAVED/FORGIVEN

- A. Well done. Matthew 25:23,34
- B. Believe, be baptized. Mark 16:15-16
- C. Wash away your sins. Acts 22:16
- D. Obey from the heart. Romans 6:17-18
- E. The gift of eternal life. Romans 6:22-23

CONCLUSION:

- A. What a contrast—words of joy or sorrow, and we get to choose.
- B. Which choice have you made?
- C. Only Jesus can save you if you obey Him!
- D. Will you choose Jesus today?