

Sermon series: The Last Words of Jesus

Text: John 19:28-30

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## Victory

**Big Idea: We are free to rest, celebrate and live because of the finished work of Christ for us!**

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Is Finished

Some of what Jesus experienced. . .

- Lack of Sleep
- Skin and tissue ripped from his back and torso through 39 lashes of a horrific whip
- Crown of thorns placed on his head then beaten in with a rod
- Carrying the beam of the cross out of the city to the place of his execution
- Nailed to a cross in a way that asphyxiated him when he slumped and forced him to stand on the nails through his feet to get a breath of air.
- Battled fatigue, shock, dehydration, cramping, and the swelling of the area around His heart

**“But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man.”** (Isaiah 52:14)

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Is Finished (Acts 2:24; Galatians 4:4-5)

Creation → Satan → Adam & Eve → First Promise of the Gospel → Noah → Abraham → Isaac → Joseph →

Passover → The Law → Day of Atonement → David → Captivity → Prophets & The New Covenant → JESUS

The death of Christ was planned from before the foundation of the world, when He gave himself at the beginning to be God's redemptive means to purchase for himself Adam's lost and sinful race. He came into the world to die. **“And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”** (Matt. 1:21).

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Is Finished (Luke 9:51; John 4:34; 6:37-40)

In the death of Christ. . .

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God was fulfilled

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God was vindicated

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God was satisfied

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God was displayed

What one event in your life stands out to you where you felt an immense sense of accomplishment? What made it feel so significant (its magnitude, its difficulty, how long it took, how meaningful it was, etc.)?

In looking at the work that was finished by Jesus, what do you think made it such a massive accomplishment? In other words, what aspect of completing the work motivated Jesus' cry of victory – “It is finished!”?



What is one thing taking place in your life right now where you are questioning God's purpose or presence in? How does seeing God's plan unfold so perfectly in the story of salvation help to build trust that He has a plan for the challenges you are facing now?

What aspect of Jesus's **finished** work of salvation gives you the greatest comfort? In what way does it challenge you? For example, where are you tempted to try to "add" to what Jesus has already accomplished?

If Jesus has fully and completely finished the work of salvation. . .and there is nothing that we can add to it or take away from it. . .does it make any difference if we continue to sin after we are saved? Should there be a difference in our lives after we trust in Christ fully for our salvation? What would that look like?

The Apostle Peter said in his letter, "**Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God**" (1 Peter 2:16). How do we do that? With your CARE group talk about how you can encourage each other to rest, celebrate and live because of the finished work of Christ as well as how fight the temptation to minimize sin because of Christ's finished work.

**For further reflection:**

Matt Chandler on Galatians 2:20: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBUwzjijBI&t=10s>

**Further Reading:**

**It Is Finished: 365 Days of Good News** by Tullian Tchividjian

**The Cross-Centered Life** by C.J. Mahaney