

“It is Finished!”

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John 19:1-5,16-37

“It is finished” meant the completion of the plan of God for the redemption of His people!
“who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.” Titus 2:14

Jesus fulfilled all 50 specific prophecies concerning His life, death and resurrection!

Matthew 26:54 “But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

- ❖ Jesus was examined and found guiltless (*Luke 23:2,14-15*) just as the Passover lamb had to be without defect!

Matthew 27:9 “Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ‘And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel,’”

John 19:24,28,36,37 “... to fulfill the Scripture...”

Jesus was crucified to satisfy the wrath of God on our behalf!

“Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” John 3:18

“among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.” Ephesians 2:3

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith....” Romans 3:23-25a

Propitiation: *“The act of appeasing wrath...”*¹

Jesus suffered the punishment that we deserved!

- ❖ Jesus was scourged and a crown of thorns was pushed into His head. He was mocked, spit upon, stripped naked. *Matthew 27:26-31*
- ❖ Jesus was beaten. *“Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him as they beat Him.” Luke 22:63*
- ❖ Jesus’ beard was plucked from His face. *“I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.” Isaiah 50:6*

Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him!

“looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” Hebrews 12:2-3

- ❖ The cross is the place of full surrender to the will of God! *“saying, ‘Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but Yours, be done.’” Luke 22:42*

Jesus’ disciples ...

... daily take up their cross.

“And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 10:38-39

... crucify the flesh.

“And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” Galatians 5:24

... glory in the cross!

“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” Galatians 6:14

... proclaim the power of the cross!

“For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.” 1 Corinthians 1:17

- ❖ The cross is essential to the Gospel of our Lord

“For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” Philippians 3:18-19

Jesus’ death on the cross glorified Almighty God!

📖 Philippians 2:5-11

Endnotes:

¹ Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

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