

The Last Words of Jesus

“It Is Finished”

(John 19:30)

- Introduction:
1. We have been examining the last words of Jesus.
 2. Last words are usually significant, so we wish to examine the last words spoken by our Lord before his death.
 3. This morning, we wish to examine the words of Jesus, “It is Finished.”

I. It Is Finished

- A. Most People Have Unfinished Business
1. Have you ever wandered through a cemetery, reading the birth and death dates?
 2. So many died in their youth had still had goals they had never realized.
 3. Even those who live to old age, find that they didn’t complete all that they had set out to do in life.
- B. Jesus Left No Unfinished Business
1. Jesus was the only perfect man who perfectly completed his perfect work, and he did so in a little over 30 years.
 2. I do not believe these words were uttered in despair and resignation, but rather in triumph.

II. What Was Finished?

- A. His Suffering On The Cross Was Finished.
1. If we knew in advance all the horrors that Jesus knew, how would we have faced life?
 2. (John 2:4; 3:14; Matthew 20:22; Matthew 16:21; Luke 22:41-44).
- B. His Mission Was Finished.
1. (Luke 2:49).
 2. (John 19:28).
 3. The Scheme of Redemption is finished (Genesis 3:15).
 4. Finished was his perfectly lived life (Philippians 2:8).
- C. The Justice Of God Was Satisfied.
1. God cannot simply “absolve people of their sins.”
 2. Justice was required.
 3. (Romans 3:23-26).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, the purchase price of your salvation has already been paid.
 2. You cannot earn it, it is a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9).
 3. But that gift must either be accepted or rejected by you (Titus 2:11; 2 Corinthians 6:1).
 4. After such suffering by Jesus, all done because of his love for you, why would you deny him the joy his suffering was intended to bring (Hebrews 12:2)?