### A SEA OF MATTER IN A DROP OF LANGUAGE JOHN 19:28-30 | ERIC SIMPSON | APRIL 13, 2025



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28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

#### Holy Week: Order of Events

#### Sunday - Palm Sunday

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

#### Monday

Jesus flips tables over in the temple courtyard, confronting corruption.

#### Tuesday

Jesus' authority is challenged in the temple. Jesus teaches with stories and confronts the Jewish leaders.

#### Wednesday - Spy Wednesday

Judas agrees to betray Jesus.

#### Thursday - Maundy Thursday

Jesus washes the disciples' feet.
Jesus eats the last supper with his disciples.

#### Friday - Good Friday

Jesus is put on trial before Pontius Pilate. Jesus is crucified.

#### Saturday - Silent Saturday

Jesus' body is laid in the tomb.

#### **Sunday - Resurrection Sunday**

Jesus walks out of the tomb.

"It is finished" = tetelestai = to bring to an end, to complete

On the cross, breathing his final words, Jesus is saying...

He's finished the mission of redemption.

John 17:4

I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

• He's the unblemished lamb of God whose blood is a sufficient sacrifice.

John 1:29

...John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

He's paid the debt of all our failures in full, it's completely covered.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

He's made a way for prisoners of sin to be set free.

#### Romans 8:1-2

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

"Only God is the final judge of who we are and what we have done. If—and only if—he is, then God can overrule our hearts guilt and self-condemnation. If he says we are forgiven, then we are, and we can tell our hearts to quiet themselves. The secular framework, however, has nothing to give the wounded conscience to heal it. It has nothing to say to the self who feels it is unworthy of love and forgiveness. Anyone who has seen the depths of their sin and what they are capable of will never be mollified [appeased] by the bromide of 'Be nice to yourself—you deserve it." – Tim Keller

#### > The sacrifice is finished but the groaning is not over.

Romans 8:21

that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

#### > Satan is finished but the spiritual battle is not over.

Ephesians 6:10-11

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

#### Your identity in Jesus is secure but the transformation of your character is not over.

Ephesians 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

The journey of the Christian life = to become in *character* who you already are in *identity* 

"The plot of consummation is not determined by a starting point but by an *endpoint* it ends in joy, in *that to whom* one is united." - Stanley Hauerwas

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