



# THE DAY CHRIST DIED

John 19:16-30

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## A. THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS

HERE'S WHAT JESUS SAID FROM THE CROSS:

1. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).
2. "Today, you shall be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).
3. He asked John to care for his mother, Mary (John 19:26-27).
4. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34).
5. "I am thirsty" (John 19:28).
6. "It is finished" (John 19:30).
7. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

## B. WORD STUDY

### "IT IS FINISHED"

Three words in English translated from a single word in Greek: **τετέλεσται** (*te-TEL-es-sti*). It means "It is finished," "It's completed," "It's done," used in this verse, in the indicative mood, it can mean "Paid in Full." (ie., It's not a reference to Jesus death—only that His mission was accomplished.) It's also in perfect tense, meaning, "Once and for all, I have completed all that God the Father had asked God the Son to achieve."

The history-long plan of redeeming man was finished. The message of God to man was finished. The works done by Jesus as a man on earth were finished. The job was finished. The song had been sung. The blood had been poured. The sacrifice had been made. The sting of death had been removed. It was over."

– Dr. Max Lucado

Perhaps the most meaningful meaning of *tetelestai* was that it was used by the merchants: "The debt is paid in full!" When He gave Himself on the cross, Jesus fully met the righteous demands of a holy law; He paid our sin-debt in full.

– Dr. Warren Wiersbe

We see the extent of Christ's humiliation in His death... His death was not easy or costless. It was a suffering death. Christ's exit from the land of the living was not calm and peaceful but was accompanied by outward torture and inner agony. When Christ whispered the word, *tetelestai*, it was not a whimper of a victim but the shout of a Victor. He was shouting that the mission upon which God had sent Him into the world was now *finished!*

– Dr. John MacArthur

## C. WHAT WAS FINISHED?

WHAT DID JESUS SEE THAT CAUSED HIM TO SAY,  
"IT IS FINISHED!"

### 1. Our sins can be atoned for.

**John 1:29, NASB** -<sup>29</sup> *The next day [John] saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

### 2. Our God is now accessible.

**Matthew 27:51, NASB** -<sup>51</sup> *And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.*...

### 3. His work on Earth is finished.

**John 19:30, NASB** -<sup>30</sup> *...Jesus...said, "It is finished!"*

### 4. Our work on Earth is to begin.

**Acts 1:8, MSG** -<sup>8</sup> *What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.*