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The King's Ransom: Tetelestai
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John 19:17-30

Let's look to the last few words that Jesus said in this passage. "It is finished." Those three words said by Jesus while he hung on the cross mean so much.

Big idea: Jesus' sacrifice provided the sacrifice you need

To understand the true impact of this day, and why indeed we exclaim it as "Good Friday" and why this sacrifice was needed, we need to look at three factors that led into Jesus' sacrifice on the cross:

Jesus' Sacrifice was Premeditated

When we read through the entire Bible, we can see that what is written in the Old Testament goes hand in hand with the New Testament. The Bible is one! One of the most prime examples of this looking in the Old Testament to see some foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice. **Isaiah 53:5-9**

Verse 5: Here we see that not only did Jesus suffer the burden of our sin, but we see the reason that He did it. For us! It was in our place that the Messiah suffered so that we could be brought peace **(Mark 15:16-19)**.

Verse 7: When He was faced by His transgressors on trial, for the so called "crime" He committed, Jesus was silent. He didn't jump right away to defend Himself, but all He did was glorify God **(Luke 23:9-10)**

Verse 9: Jesus was crucified with two thieves (the wicked) **(Matthew 27:38)** However, at His death, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a wealthy man, buried Him in a tomb. Instead of having a burial fit for a criminal, Jesus was given a burial that was meant for a king.

Not only was Jesus the one that fulfilled the promises of God from the Old Testament, but He was ALSO the one that fulfilled these prophecies! It needed to be Jesus to say, "Tetelestai. It is finished"!

A Perfect Sacrifice Cannot be Fulfilled by an Imperfect Person

Humans are morally imperfect. We rebel against God, we get stuck in our ways, and even without knowing it, we sin (**Romans 3:23**).

In the beginning, God created a world of perfect harmony. Adam, and Eve were charged by God to take care of this world that He had created. But Satan tempts Adam and Eve and they disobey God. That's where sin enters the world. From there on out, it would affect every choice, thought and desire that human beings had. There is now a division between God and man.

This is why we need a savior. There needs to be a ransom paid to fix the relationship between God and man. The sacrifices made in the Old Testament, such as sin offerings, pointed toward the final and perfect sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Jesus' Sacrifice Paid the Ransom

Jesus had to be perfect, and without blemish. In **2 Corinthians 5:21** Paul chooses his wording very carefully. He doesn't say that Jesus "was made to be a sinner", or that "he became a sinner", but that Jesus "for our sake was made to be sin".

Jesus lived among us, as a human being and as God, and did what we did. He ate, worked, and was even baptized! But at the end of the day, our sins were on Jesus, and His righteousness is still on us.

Hebrews 10:11-14

When Jesus said "It is finished" that was Jesus exclaiming that His work of living a sinless life, carrying out God's will, and being the one to be sacrificed for all of humanity was complete (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). The motion of sitting at the right hand of God shows that Jesus's work was finished. Our debt has been paid in full! The work has been completed.

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Isaiah 53:4-9 lays out Jesus sacrifice hundreds of years before it happened. If someone chooses to deny Jesus, what is another way they will interpret that verse?**
- **Why is it important to make the distinction that on the cross Jesus did not become a sinner but “He became sin”?**
- **How would you explain to a child that we are all guilty because of Adam and Eve’s sin?**
- **Does your view of Jesus’ sacrifice change knowing it was premeditated by God?**