

Resurrection Sunday

Nothing Left to Do, Except . . . Live

John 19

April 9, 2023

John 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

"It is finished!" = Gr *tetelestai*, root *teleo* = "finished, accomplished, fulfilled, completed, carried out, perfected, paid"

What did Jesus finish? Here are three things:

1. *He finished the prophecies of the OT concerning the Messiah.*

Deuteronomy 18:18,19 God would raise up a prophet like Moses

Psalms 69 and 22, among other Messianic Psalms, describe Jesus' crucifixion in vivid detail a full millennium before the events take place.

Isaiah 53:5,6, plus other verses in this passage, describe the suffering Savior in vivid detail, 700 years in advance.

There are about 300 OT prophecies that Jesus fulfilled.

2. *He finished the promise to the serpent in the Garden of Eden.*

Genesis 3:14,15 The woman's seed will crush the serpent on the head.

John 20:11-18 The resurrected Jesus shows Himself first to a woman sinner in a garden, harkening back to the conversation some 4,000 years earlier in the garden of Eden. Jesus crushed the serpent on the head when He came back from the dead.

Hebrews 2:14,15 "that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,"

Ephesians 6:13-16 "you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one."

Satan has been defeated, and because of this, we are told not to run from Him, nor to attack him, but to "stand firm."

3. *He finished the payment for Sin that a Holy God requires.*

The word "tetelestai" has been found on ancient bills of sale when the bill has been "paid in full."

Romans 6:23 the wages of sin is death. . .

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Hebrews 10:10-14 The sufficiency of Christ's death as the payment for sins is proven in that He sat down at the right hand of God.

John 17:3,4 Jesus accomplished everything God the Father wanted Him to accomplish.

His resurrection vindicated everything that He had said. Death had no claim on Him because He paid the debt owed Sin.

John 6:28,29 Since Jesus did everything, there is nothing left for us to do.

Are you convinced that He died for you?

