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Days With Jesus, Day 57—The Truth Dies
John 19:28-37

Jesus DRINKS

The last drink Jesus had with his disciples was a glass of wine at Passover dinner the previous night. This drink signified the new covenant of grace between God and man that he would make possible by dying. This began the celebration of communion for Christians. *Sometimes meals mean more than eating* (1 Cor. 11:25)! After dinner and entering the garden, Jesus prayed the cup of God's wrath would pass from him but chose to submit to God's will to endure and drink it. *Jesus drank the cup of wrath so we wouldn't have to* (Is. 53:4-6; Mark 14:35, 36; Rom. 4:25; 8:3)! After losing massive amounts of fluid, Jesus took a last drink from a sponge on a stick of sour, vinegar wine to fulfill prophecy and help him speak (Ps. 22:15; Matt. 27:48). His next drink will be at the wedding supper of the Lamb in heaven (Matt. 26:27-29; Rev. 19:6-9). *We're made to do life around meals, both here and eternally!*

Jesus is DONE

At death's doorstep, a thief next to Jesus has faith that he is able to save him after death as Messiah. Jesus promised that he will be with him *that day* in paradise. The first Christian in heaven was a forgiven criminal (Luke 23:39-43; 2 Cor. 5:8)! *It's never too late to turn to Jesus!* In his role as a son, Jesus became the obedient second Adam, lived as a sinless man, and fulfilled God's Law (1 Cor. 15:22, 45). From his perfect life, God made him to be sin and punished him for sinners, so they could get grace (John 3:16, 17; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13, 14). Jesus then utters *tetelestai*, meaning his work is done and God is now satisfied. *Jesus paid the unpayable debt* (Col. 2:13, 14)!

Jesus DIES

With his mission over, Jesus *voluntarily* dies, not from what man had done, but 'gave up' his life as only God can. People saw Jesus as a regular man but were also witnessing the eternal God in flesh (Phil. 2:5-8). God can't die, but a man can—and both are true in Christ. *Jesus physically dies as a man, but spiritually remains as God!* A soldier then stabs Jesus and blood and water flow separately, showing his true death. Jesus gave his life as the sacrifice of love, removing the hostility between God and man (Mark 15:37, 38; Eph. 2:13-16). *Jesus was the love of the invisible God in plain sight!*