

## GOOD FRIDAY HANDOUT: IT IS FINISHED John 19:23-42

Just moments before Jesus died, scripture records His 7 Last Words from the Cross.

Some of these words were to Complete Prophecy...One was to take care of His mother (showing Christ character of love from the Cross)...One was to Show His Love for All Mankind when He said, *Father Forgive them for they know Not what they are doing*...His final word acknowledged he was commending His Spirit into His father's Hands.

**JESUS DID NOT SAY "I'M FINISHED!"...HE SAID, IT IS FINISHED!** This was NOT a Cry of Failure...I'm Done...Rather...It Was a Cry of Victory that He had Accomplished What He was Sent to Earth to Do!!

- Jesus had Accomplished the Work that God His Father had Given Him.
- All the Guilt of Sin that Should have been Imputed to Us...Was Imputed to Him!
- Isaiah 53:5 *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

Message Paraphrase: *It was our pains he carried—our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us...it was Our Sins that did that ripped and tore and crushed him—Our Sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed.*

- Today, We Can Shout with the Saints of All Time..."Hallelujah, It Is Finished!" My Sins Are Forgiven!

"It Is Finished." Is Only found in the Gospel of John, the Greek word translated "It Is Finished" is tetelestai, (Tes-Tell-Is-Tie) **an accounting term that means "Paid in Full."** Jesus was Declaring the Impossible Debt of Sin Owed by Us to His Father was Wiped Away Completely and Forever.

- Tetelestai comes from the verb teleo, which means "to bring to an end, to complete, to accomplish." *It signifies the Successful End to a Particular Course of Action.*
- It's the word you would use when you climb to the peak of Mt. Everest, or make the final payment on your new car. It means "I Did Exactly What I Set Out To Do!"
- Tetelestai is in the "Perfect Tense" in Greek...*Meaning it speaks of an action which has been completed in the past with Results Continuing into the Present.*

*When Jesus cried out "It is finished," He meant "It was Finished in the Past, it is still Finished in the Present, and it Will Remain Finished in the Future."*

- *Tetelestai (Tes-Tell-Is-Tie) is the Savior's Final Cry of Victory. Jesus left No Unfinished Business Behind. Giving Us ETERNAL HOPE from All Our Sins!*

Tetelestai is the Gospel in a Single Word. In that One Word is Contained the Foundation of the Believer's Assurance; in that Word is the Sum of All Our Joy, and the Very Spirit of All Divine Consolation.

- The redemption of mankind is the most important finished task, however, many other things were finished at the cross.
- Most importantly, the Power of Sin and Satan was Finished. No Longer would Mankind have to Suffer the "Flaming Arrows of the Evil One" (Ephesians 6:16).
- By raising the "Shield of Faith" in the One (Jesus) who Completed the work of Redemption and Salvation, WE can, by Faith, Live as New Creations in Christ.

WHAT DOES "IT IS FINISHED" MEAN TO YOU TODAY? Jesus tells us that He Came to Save Us and to Draw Us into a Relationship with God. He tells us that He is the LIGHT, TRUTH and THE WAY.

**When I read the Gospels There are 2 Statements that Stand Out.**

Matthew 4:17: "From that time Jesus began to preach, crying out, REPENT (Change Your Mind, Amend Your Ways, Change Your Direction), For the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand."

- *He was saying: Change your thinking and you'll change your life; every success in life is based on right thinking and every failure is based on wrong thinking and wrong actions.*

John 19:30: “When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is Finished! And He Bowed His Head and Gave Up His Spirit.’”

- In other words, He was saying: *My Work is Done; I Did My Part...Now it is Up to You; Receive All I have Given You and Walk in My Finished Work.*
- **On the Cross, Jesus did His Part. Now, as Believers, We Must Do Our Part:**

**First** we are to Believe that Everything We will ever Need in Life was Given to Us when We Accepted Jesus as Our Personal Savior and Received the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

- Trusting...As We Walk in His Sovereign Plan for Our Lives We Will Experience God’s Best!

**Secondly We are to Commit to Walk in Faith!** FAITH is NOT Something We Do to Get God to Respond to Us — To Fix Our Problems or Meet Our Needs...FAITH Means I Receive and Appropriate in My Life what God has Already Done — the Finished Works of Christ.

- We are NOT to Doubt, Question, or Refuse to Accept the Word of God as TRUTH.
- We Don’t Need More Anointing, Grace, or Faith, *We Need Less Unbelief. It is Unbelief, NOT SIN, that Stops the Power of Grace and Cancels Out the Finished Works of Christ in the Believers Life.*
- Rom 10:17 “So then Faith Comes by Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God.”

**Third...We are to Renew Our Minds with God’s Word to Receive His Finished Works!**

Amplified Romans 12:2, “*Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].*”

Solomon says in Proverbs 3:5-6 We are to, “*Lean on, trust in and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.*”

When Jesus said, “It Is Finished” it was So Much More than just that He had Finished What His Father Asked Him to do...JENNIFER TOSCANO Puts it this Way:

*Jesus was thinking of me that day He went to Calvary...He was imagining my face, the heaviness of my sin upon Him. He was in anguish over everything I would ever do in my life—the lies, the cheating, the gossiping, the unforgiveness, and bitterness He knew I would have in my heart. He saw every hurtful word I would speak, the temper that would rage, the jealousy, envy, and pride...He saw every bit of me that day, every single broken piece. With tears in His eyes, He pictured my face and life—peering into what one day would be my heart...**What sorrow that must have caused this beautiful Savior.***

*My sin was holding Him to that cross until it took His last breath away...He saw everything I was, which was everything He was not, and yet He still deemed me worthy. He knew how many times I would hurt Him and turn my back from Him, and yet He still chose me. As He laid down His life, He was thinking about me...He knew that His blood and His wounds would one day heal me and that it was the only way. As they mocked Him and stabbed Him, **He was thinking of how much He loved me—so much so that He would give up His own life...FOR ME.***

*My beautiful Savior took my place on that cross so I could be covered in His righteousness. I did not deserve it, I was not owed anything, but He chose to call me worthy. **Daily...His love overwhelms me and leaves me breathless.***

This is What It Is Finished Means to Each Child of God...**May We Remember with Joy and Walk in Confidence...With Our Eyes on The Kingdom to Come and the Work God has Given Us to Do.**