

## Who is Jesus?: The Finisher

John 19:28-30

### Introduction

- While on the cross, Christ spoke seven final words. In our text today, we have the third word spoken...the caring for His mother.
- Last week, we looked at John 19:23-27, seeing Christ and His work on the cross and humanity and their response at the foot of the cross.
- Today, we see Christ finishing His work on the cross

### He Finished Fulfilling the Scriptures (v.28-29)

- **Psalm 69:21**
  - **John 5:19-30** (Fulfilling the will of the Father in every detail)
- **The God-Man Fulfilled...Forever**
  - Christ's necessary humanity on display
  - Giving up his human spirit in death...not the Holy Spirit

### He Finished His Work (vv.29-30)

- The term "It is finished" is not a giving up but a completion of a task, often associate with victory.
  - *Tetelestai* – accomplish, make an end, expire, fill up, finish, go over, pay, perform.
  - **John 4:34**
- **Atonement for Men**
  - Tasted God's wrath for us – drink with hyssop branch (used in the original Passover to apply the blood to the doorposts – **Ex.12:22**)

- Full humanity / Full divinity put on display (drink strengthened Him to cry aloud the complete work of the only divine Savior)
- Complete – nothing more could be bore or paid
- Gave up His Spirit – bears witness to the voluntary / sovereign nature of the work
- To prove Himself victorious
  - Over death, hell, Satan and sin
- Doctrine of the Atonement
  - Source of the Atonement
    - **John 3:16-18**
    - **Rev.1:4-6**
    - God's Love
  - Shadows of the Atonement
    - **Heb.9:11-28 (READ)**
    - Passover
    - Blood
  - Singularity & Sufficiency of the Atonement
    - **Heb.10:1-14 (READ)**
    - Uniqueness
    - Removes all sin & guilt
    - Justifies the sinner
  - Scope of the Atonement
    - Is the atonement for everyone?
    - Is it only for the elect or for all of mankind?
    - One of the most potentially divisive doctrinal discussions (throughout church history)
    - Some questions...
    - Some scriptures...
      - **1 John 2:1-2**
      - **John 10:14-16**
      - **Matt.26:26-28**
    - A statement...
      - **UBC Statement of Faith**, "*Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the*

*divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin."*

- A conclusion...
  - All Evangelicals limit the atonement in some way
  - Sufficiency and application
    - Passover imagery
  - So, we know that if indeed we are saved, we are saved entirely and completely as God's chosen people. In that sense, **it is finished.**

- **Propitiation of God**

- Taking God's penalty for sin upon himself

- **Reconciliation**

- Making men right (justified) before a Holy righteous God

- **Ransom**

- Purchased our pardon...not from Satan, but from God

### **The Application**

- Jesus Christ perfectly accomplished everything necessary for sinners to be saved, satisfying God's requirements for the removal of sin and guilt.
- Do you trust that Jesus Christ died as your substitute? If so, are you willing to follow Him turning away from sin and toward Christ in faith?
- Believer, if you are struggling in your walk with Christ, remembering the atonement is your cure (2 Peter 1:9).