

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

SERMON SERIES:
The Cross that Spoke
Understanding the Dying Words of Jesus

THE FINAL WORD:
"It is Finished"

St. John 19:28-34
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "*It is finished.*" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

Sermon Notes

Tonight, we come to the final statement Jesus made from the cross. For about three years Jesus had been doing the work God had sent him to do.

We have all started things we didn't finish, but what Jesus began was completed in this moving moment. Let's look at two crucial things Jesus is declaring "finished" in this the final statement from the cross:

1) The Pain of _____ Was Finished.

2) The Plan of _____ Was Finished.

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