

## It Is Finished; John 19:28-30

### I. Fulfill Scripture

- A. John 19:28–29 (ESV); <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.
- B. It is very interesting to me that the one to say “I thirst” is the one who is the living water
- C. John 4:13–14 (ESV); <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
- D. The only time that Jesus was ever really concerned for himself and his needs (over others’) was in the Garden
  1. Even then it became the Father’s will over His
  2. Maybe it was to show His apostles that He had authority even over the angels (Matthew 26:53)
  3. He told His apostles that He did not call them because He had to fulfill the Scriptures — again, the crucifixion picture in Psalm 22 as well as others
- E. Since Psalm 22 is a picture of the crucifixion, I go back there to pick up the scripture Jesus is fulfilling
- F. Psalm 22:15 (ESV); my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
- G. There is no doubt in my mind that Jesus did thirst
  1. I hesitate to say that he cried out these words because he was thirsty
  2. John says the Jesus spoke this phrase to “fulfill the Scripture”
  3. In John 19:24 they fulfilled the prophecy in Psalm 22:18 by dividing his garments and casting lots for His clothing
- H. Psalm 69:21 (ESV); They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.
- I. Everything Jesus did fulfilled prophecy — showed He was the long awaited Messiah

### II. It Is Finished

- A. John 19:30 (ESV); When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
- B. What was finished? (Coffman)
  1. The Law of Moses — Colossians 2:14–15 (ESV); <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
  2. The Power of Satan — Hebrews 2:14 (ESV); Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
  3. The purchase price of the church — Acts 20:28 (ESV); Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.
  4. The Atonement for the sins of the whole world
    - a) Hebrews 9:26 (ESV); for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
    - b) Once for all — sins (past, present, future), time, people
- C. He has done His work here on this Earth and passed the baton to us
  1. “George Fredrick Handel finished the "Messiah" after working for many hours in feverish exertion, then bowed his head and said, "It is finished.”
  2. But only the score was finished.

3. All the joy of that great oratorio would have perished forever unless other hands had taken it up and other voices had sung its glorious harmonies.
4. In like manner, the finished work of Jesus leaves ample place for others to take up the cross daily and follow him.
5. Other hands must do his work; other lips must preach his word; and other hearts must warm to his great love. Indeed, "it is finished"; but man's work is before him." <sup>1</sup>
6. 2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV); and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

III. Complete

- A. God's plan has been fulfilled through His Son Jesus
- B. God's plan is now for us to let everyone know

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<sup>1</sup> Coffman, James Burton. "Commentary on Matthew 27:4". "Coffman Commentaries on the Old and New Testament". <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/bcc/matthew-27.html>. Abilene Christian University Press, Abilene, Texas, USA. 1983-1999.