

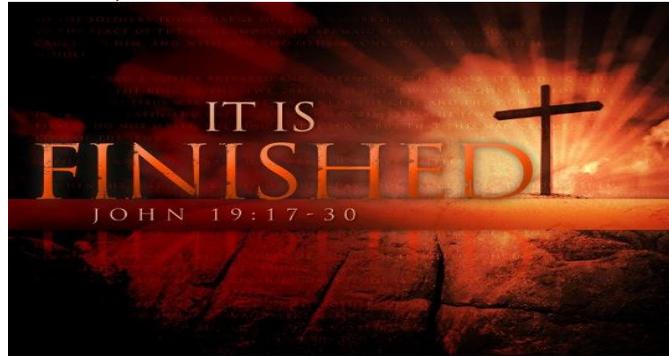
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*The Pursuit: His Unrelenting Plan to Save Us
A series on Jesus' last week
The Gospel of John: Chapters 13-21*

“He Died: Completing the Mission”

John 19:16-42

*“Jesus knew that his mission was now finished...he said, ‘It is finished!’ Then he bowed his head and released his spirit.”
John 19:28a, 30b*



A. Completing the mission for His disciples...

“Later, knowing that all was now completed...” Vs 19:28a

1. Completing the mission for Jesus meant that He gave hope to His disciples.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” Vs. 14:1

2. Completing the mission for Jesus meant that He gave assurance to His disciples.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” Vs. 14:3

3. Completing the mission for Jesus meant that He gave His disciples peace no matter what they faced.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” Vs 14:27

4. Completing the mission for Jesus meant that He gave warnings to His disciples.

“But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.” Vs. 16:32

B. Completing the mission for the Scriptures...

There were over 270 prophecies fulfilled in Jesus!

Peter W. Stoner and Robert C. Newman wrote a book entitled *Science Speaks*. The book was based on the science of probability and vouched for by the American Scientific Affiliation. It set out the odds of any one man in all of history fulfilling even only eight of the 60 major prophecies (and 270 ramifications) fulfilled by the life of Christ. The probability that Jesus of Nazareth could have fulfilled even eight such prophecies would be only 1 in 10¹⁷. That's 1 in 100, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000. Stoner claims that that many silver dollars would be enough to cover the face of the entire state of Texas two feet deep. Now, I've been to Texas. I've driven for *days* to get across Texas. Texas is a very big state. Who in his right mind would suppose that a blindfolded man, heading out of Dallas by foot in any direction, would be able, on his very first attempt, to pick up one specifically marked silver dollar out of 100, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000?

“Later, knowing that all was completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled...” Vs. 19:28

1. Completing the mission according to Scriptures meant that He would suffer for our sins.

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by him and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:4-5

2. Completing the mission according to Scriptures meant that He would carry our sin and be forsaken by God.

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Psalm 22:1a

3. Completing the mission according to Scriptures meant that He would be crucified for all.

“...They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.” Zechariah 12:10

4. Completing the mission according to Scriptures meant that He would die with criminals.

“Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:12

C. Mission complete for the world...

1. Mission complete for the world meant there is a plan for salvation for all.

“...I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Vs. 14:6

2. Mission complete for the world meant there is a purpose for all who put their faith in Him.

“...I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit- fruit that will last.” Vs. 15:16b

3. Mission complete for the world meant there is peace no matter what we face.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Vs. 16:33

4. Mission complete for the world meant there are instructions left for all to follow.

“If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's command and remain in his love...My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you” Vs. 15:10, 12

D. Completing your mission means...

1. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus?
2. Are you loving those in your world?
3. Do those in your world know what is important to you? Your values? Your purpose?
4. Is there peace in your life that is unmistakably God's...no matter what you are facing?
5. Would those in your world know you are a Christ follower by your life...even if there were no words?

“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.”

John 8:36



March 27, 2016

“He Rose: Sight Unseen”

John 20-21

“Then Jesus told him, ‘You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.’” John 20:29