

## **“It is Finished”**

**Text: John 19:30**

### *Introduction*

- A. Think back to the crucifixion of Christ as we look at John 19:30, where Jesus states, “It is Finished.” When Jesus says, It is finished it is not a cry of defeat but of victory, and of fulfillment
- B. What was the victory? What was fulfilled? What was finished?

### *Body*

- I. The works done by Jesus on the earth were finished.**
  - a. The full meaning of the Greek word Jesus used is, “It is finished and, as a result, forever done!”
  - b. The works He came to do on the earth were finished.
    - i. Christ’s teachings were finished.
      - 1. Teachings of prayer Luke 11:1
      - 2. Teaching of training the Apostles. Mark 9:31
      - 3. Teaching us how to be his followers.
        - a. 2 Peter 1:3
        - b. 2 Tim. 3:16-17
    - ii. Christ’s work of healing, feeding, or caring upon the earth were finished. John 20:30.
    - iii. The prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled and they were finished. John 19:28
  - c. John 17:4. Jesus had finished the work of His earthly ministry.
- II. The suffering was finished.**
  - a. From the moment Jesus entered this world He had experienced suffering.
  - b. He knew that suffering had to be endured in order that it may pass away.
    - i. Matt. 26:39-42
    - ii. Heb. 12:2
  - c. In this life, you and I are going to face many obstacles because of our faith but we must press on:
    - i. 2 Timothy 4:7, “I have fought the good fight ...”
- III. The plan of redeeming man was finished.**
  - a. It is finished! After 4,000 years it is finally paid in full.
    - i. Eph. 1:9-11
    - ii. Gen. 3:15
  - b. Jesus executed God’s plan perfectly and fulfilled His mission.
    - i. Jesus took our sin upon Himself and did what we couldn’t do.
    - ii. Philippians 2:12

### *Finally,*

- A. God always wins in the end! Israel defeated Ai. Jesus was resurrected (Mk. 16:6); the apostles carried the Gospel to the whole world (Col. 1:23); the church multiplied in number (Acts 6:1,7; 9:31).
- B. Jesus’ part is finished but we still have to take hold of it and live out what He did on the cross. He still has to work on us.
- C. But in order for Him to work on us we must put ourselves into His hands.
- D. Will you do this by obeying the Gospel? (Mk. 16:16 and Acts 2:38).