

# FINAL WORDS

## SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS

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### "It Is Finished"

A Victory Cry From the Cross

NOTES:

#### REVIEW:

Statement #1: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Luke 23:3

Statement #2: "Today you will be with me in paradise" Luke 23:39-43

Statement #3: "Woman, behold, your son! Behold, your mother?" John 19:26,27

Statement #4: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Mat 27:46

Statement #5: "I thirst" John 19:28

#### FOCUS VERSE: *John 19:30*

*28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said  
(to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."*

*29 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.*

*30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,  
"It is finished"*

#### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CRY (*What did this phrase mean?*)

v30 ... [*Jesus*] said, "***It is finished***"

Three words in English—"It is finished," one word in the Greek: **Tetelestai**. The use of this word would have carried profound meaning in this 1st Century context. This was not just a statement of completion but a declaration of fulfillment, accomplishment, and victory.

- In ancient Greek, *tetelestai* comes from the verb **teleō**, meaning  
**"to bring to an end, to complete, to fulfill."**
- Ways that *tetelestai* was used in this 1st Century context:

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*Example: Matthew 17:24 ...the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter  
and asked, "Does your teacher **pay** the Temple tax?"  
(See also: Mat 10:22; Luke 18:31; John 19:28; Rom 13:6; Rev 10:7)*

- *Tetelestai* is, grammatically, in the *perfect tense*, meaning...

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

**"Never before and  
never after was ever  
spoken ONE WORD  
which contains and  
means so much.  
Who can measure  
its depths!"** -A.C. Gaebelein

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CLAIM *(What did Jesus mean when he said it?)*

v30 ... [Jesus] said, "***It is finished***"

- **A Cry of Completion** – The work assigned to Jesus was now fully accomplished. (Jn 4:34; 17:4)
- **A Cry of \_\_\_\_\_** – Every Old Testament prophecy finds its fulfillment here at the cross. (Lk 24:44)
- **A Cry of Substitution** – He bore the punishment for our sin. (Is 53:5-6)
- **A Cry of Debt Paid in Full** – He paid the price we could not and stamped our spiritual debt—  
**"Paid in Full."** (Heb 10:12)

***Colossians 2:14*** – "He canceled the record of the debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross."

- **A Cry of \_\_\_\_\_** – He **triumphed** over sin, death & darkness (Satan).

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO CONSIDER *(What does this mean for us today?)*

v30 ... [Jesus] said, "***It is finished***"

1. We do not need to **work for salvation**—it is finished!  
We trust in the completed work of Christ, not in our efforts.  
(Eph 2:8-9)
2. We do not need to \_\_\_\_\_ **with condemnation**. We are fully forgiven— our debt is paid in full! No past sin can condemn us.  
(Col 2:14; Rom 5:1-5; 8:1)
3. We do not need to **wonder about our worth, purpose or future**.  
(Rom 8:38,39)
4. We do not need to \_\_\_\_\_ **the war**—Christ has already won it and we can live victoriously! We do not fight for victory; we fight from victory.  
(Rom 8:31-39; 1 Cor 15:57; 1 Jn 5:4)

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"Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us."  
– John Stott

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"The moment Jesus Christ said ***'It is finished!'*** every believer's debt was paid, once for all. No more payment is required; the work is done."  
– Charles Spurgeon

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***1 Corinthians 15:57*** –  
"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

### SONGS

*I THANK GOD  
HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS  
HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US  
REIGN ABOVE IT ALL*

### BUDGET

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2025 Giving vs Need: \$106,870.55 Below Need  
Altamont Expansion Fund (4/1): \$220,754.04

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