

## 2025-04-18 - Good Friday – John 19:28-30

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **5** That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

**6** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. **9** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

**10** He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, **13** who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

**14** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, “This was the one of whom I said, ‘The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.’”) **16** Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, **17** for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father’s side—he has revealed him.

### Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

*Come behold the wondrous mystery*

*In the dawning of the King*

*He the theme of heaven's praises*

*Robed in frail humanity*

*In our longing, in our darkness*

*Now the light of life has come*

*Look to Christ who condescended*

*Took on flesh to ransom us*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery*

*He the perfect Son of Man*

*In His living, in his suffering*

*Never trace nor stain of sin*

*See the true and better Adam*

*Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law, in Him we stand*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death, the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him  
Praise the Lord, He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As will we be when He comes*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death, the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him  
Praise the Lord, He is alive*

### Jesus Paid It All

*I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

*Lord, now indeed I find,  
Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

*For nothing good have I  
Where-by Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

*And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

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The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He has revealed the Father to us. He who said, "I am the Bread of Life," was nailed to the cross for our sins. He who said, "I am the Light of the World," was lifted on a cross to reveal His glory. He who said, "I am the Sheep Gate," saw His followers scatter. He who said, "I am the Good Shepherd," cared for His mother from the cross. He who said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," cried out, "It is finished," at the end of His life. He who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," delivered His own spirit up. The body of He who said, "I am the True Vine," was laid to rest in a garden, in a new tomb.

For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Event</b>
I am the bread of life	Was nailed to the cross
I am the light of the world	Was lifted on a cross
I am the sheep gate	Saw his followers scatter
I am the Good Shepherd	Cared for his mother from the cross
I am the resurrection and the life	Cried out, It is finished
I am the way the truth and the life	Delivered his own spirit up
I am the true vine	Was laid to rest in a garden in a new tomb

### When I survey the wondrous cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.*

### Son Of Suffering

*Oh, the perfect Son of God In all His innocence  
Here walking in the dirt with you and me  
He knows what living is He's acquainted with our grief  
A man of sorrows, Son of suffering*

*Oh, blood and tears How can it be?  
That there's a God who weeps  
There's a God who bleeds  
Oh, praise the One  
Who would reach for me*

*Hallelujah to the Son of suffering*

*Some imagine You are distant and removed  
But You chased us down in merciful pursuit  
To the sinner, You were grace  
And the broken You embraced  
And in the end the proof is in Your wounds  
Yes, in the end the proof is in Your wounds*

*Blood and tears how can it be?  
There's a God who weeps  
There's a God who bleeds  
Oh, praise the One who would reach for me  
Hallelujah to the Son of suffering*

*Your cross, my freedom, Your stripes, my healing  
All praise King Jesus, Glory to God in Heaven  
Your blood still speaking, Your love still reaching  
All praise King Jesus, Glory to God forever*

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Glory to God forever Glory to God*

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Hallelujah to the Son of suffering  
Hallelujah to the Son of suffering*

*Will you bow your heads with me.*

*Father, we thank You that a little less than 2,000 years ago, Your Son was lifted up on the cross in our place.  
Father, we thank You that, though we on our own were condemned and we deserved that condemnation,  
Lord, we deserve nothing more than death on our own. We deserve nothing more than darkness. And yet, You  
sent Your Son. The Light came into the world. And, Father, we know the world hated the Light and nailed Him  
to a cross. You know it was Your design and Your plan, and we thank You that Your Son drank from the cup.*

*We thank You that tonight, as we look in Your Word and as we take communion, that for all who believe, what  
we believe is that the work of Your Son is completed. The work that You gave Him to do, He has done. It is*

*finished, Lord. We pray we would rest in that promise even now. And I pray that, if anyone here does not know You, that even now You are opening their eyes to the truth of the Gospel.*

*We pray all this in Your holy and precious name. Amen.*

Pastor Matt Johnson

If you have your Bibles, please turn to John Chapter 19. We're going to be in verses 28 through 30 today. As we focus on these verses, we have a simple point that is both straightforward and profound—easy to remember and yet something I often forget:

Believe that Jesus has completed the work

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Believe in the work He accomplished on the cross. It is finished. It is such a wonderful promise. It is such a wonderful truth. And yet, I don't know about you, but I often find myself trying to earn what Christ has freely given. I often find myself trying to do what only Christ could do. When I do that, it's as if I don't fully believe, but praise the Lord that He completed it anyway.

After this, when Jesus knew that everything was now finished that the Scripture might be fulfilled, he said, "I'm thirsty."<sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was sitting there; so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it up to his mouth.

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished." Then bowing his head, he delivered his spirit.

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John Chapter 19, verse 28 begins: "**After this, when Jesus knew that everything was now finished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, He said, 'I'm thirsty.'**"

After this,

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Now, we need to pause here, because when we read "**After this**," we must take time to understand what "**After this**," refers to.

This is at the end of the life of Jesus, right before He says, "It is finished," and delivers His own spirit. The phrase "**After this**," is not just referring to what happened right before this in John Chapter 19. Right before this, Jesus sees His mother and John, the disciple who wrote the Gospel of John. He says to His mother, "Woman, this is your son," and He tells John, "This is your mother."

You may not fully understand the significance of this moment, but in their culture, if you were the eldest son, a major responsibility—especially if your father had passed away—was taking care of your mother and the household. Even as He hung from the cross, Jesus was fulfilling His earthly responsibilities, and I am in awe of that because it would have been the furthest thing from my mind in such circumstances.

This isn't just about that moment. When it says "after this," it also points back to John 18, where, at the start of the chapter, Jesus takes His disciples to a garden, knowing that His hour is at hand. In the garden, Judas arrives, bringing more than 200 men armed with weapons, torches, and lanterns. Jesus steps forward to meet them and asks, "Who are you seeking?"

And they say, "Jesus of Nazareth." And He said, "I AM." And they fall to the ground. This is one of my favorite moments, and it's a reminder, as we talk today about the Son of Man lifted on the cross, that with just a word, He didn't have to be there. He chose to be there for us. He freely drank from the cup of His Father. He went to the cross for us.

Of course, to get there, He was delivered—from Judas to the Jews, to the high priest, to Pilate. During that time, we see a mockery of a trial. At no point is any evidence against Him presented that is substantial or matters. He keeps having to remind them of the law and how to conduct a court case. At one point, the chief priest's official slaps Him in the face for simply pointing out what the law says.

When Jesus is delivered to Pilate, Pilate asks, "Why have you delivered Him to me?" And they reply, "Well, if He wasn't bad, we wouldn't have delivered Him to you." They have no grounds, but they want Him dead. The Light came into the world, but the world rejected the Light.

Pilate talks to Jesus and comes away thinking, "There's no reason to condemn this man. Let's release Him." But the Jews demand His death. This, of course, fulfills what Jesus had said—it is all within His control. Pilate goes back to the Jews and says, "I could release Him, right? Let's release this man, the King of the Jews." But they refuse.

Out of this, Pilate decides on a half-measure. Maybe they'll be satisfied if he has Jesus flogged. So he has Roman soldier whip Him. It's a whip with many cords, and on those cords are pieces of metal or bone. They whip Jesus' back over and over, leaving stripes on His back, blood pouring out.

Then they take a crown of thorns and affix it to His head. These weren't small thorns—they were thick thorns. To make sure it stayed on, they drove it down onto His head, causing blood to flow freely. As if to add more insult to injury, they drape a purple robe on Him—

purple, the color of royalty—and mock Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews." The Roman soldiers slap Him in the face as they mock Him.

Pilate, after seeing Jesus beaten, bruised, and bloodied, takes Him back to the Jews and says, "Here is the man," thinking that maybe they'll say, "Oh, that's good enough." But it's not. It's not good enough at all. They cry out, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Eventually, they declare, "We have no king but Caesar."

And with those words from the chief priest, Pilate delivers Jesus to be crucified.

And of course, we know from last Sunday that Jesus is the one who delivered Himself. He was in control the whole time. He is a King. As He is nailed to the cross, He is a King ascending and being lifted up on His throne. He's nailed hands and feet to the cross. It would have been brutal. People on crosses didn't die of blood loss—usually, what they died of was suffocation. And so, while He was up there on the cross, He would have been in agony, doing everything He could to stay up, pushing Himself back up again and again to have enough breath to keep living.

After this, when Jesus knew that everything was now **finished** that the Scripture might be **fulfilled**, he said, "I'm thirsty."<sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was sitting there; so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it up to his mouth.

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Now, we talked Sunday about how He delivered His spirit—He was in control.

fulfilled, finished  
"It is finished."

Today, I want to point out three words. They're all from the same Greek word: finished, fulfilled, and "It is finished." In the Greek, the word under this is τέλος "telos," and this is a word that Jesus used often, but always in a very specific way.

In John Chapter 4, when Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah to a Samaritan woman at a well, His disciples came back from the Samaritan town with food and said, "Hey, are you

hungry?" He replied, "I have food you know nothing about." Then He told them, "My food is to do the will of the One who sent Me and to finish His works." Even then, He's speaking of this moment.

In John 13, Jesus knows His hour is at hand. Before He washes the disciples' feet, it says He loved them to the end—and it's the same word. When He prays in John 17 about His glorification when He is lifted up on the cross, He says, "Father, I have completed—I have finished—the work."

<b>finished</b>
<b>fulfilled,</b> From the Greek root τέλος – complete, finish, accomplish
<b>“It is finished.”</b>

This word, "telos," is used over and over in John to move us closer and closer to this moment. In the final three verses of Jesus's life before the resurrection, this word shows up three times.

<b>completed</b>
<b>completed,</b> From the Greek root τέλος – complete, finish, accomplish
<b>“It is completed.”</b>

I'm going to switch all three of them to "completed" because I think it helps us better understand the depth of what's happening here.

After this, when Jesus knew that everything was now completed that the Scripture might be <b>completed</b> , he said, "I'm thirsty." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was sitting there; so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it up to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, " <b>It is completed.</b> " Then bowing his head, he <b>delivered</b> his spirit. <p style="text-align: right;">John 19:28-30 CSB</p>
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After this, when Jesus knew that everything was now completed—what was completed? The work the Father had sent Him to do. God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life. And how can we have eternal life? It's through His death on the cross in our place. It's through His blood shed on behalf of our sins. And He completed that work.

When it says right after that, "that the Scripture might be completed," the word "completed" there is a unique choice in the Greek. Every other time you see "fulfilled" in the Gospel of

John, it's a different word. But John here is not just pointing to one moment of Scripture being completed—he's pointing to the whole scope of the Messiah. It's all completed—everything that must be completed at the cross.

And when Jesus says from the cross, "It is completed," He's not just talking about His life being over. He's not just saying, "My death is here." He's saying, "The work the Father has for Me is done. It is completed."

What that means for us, as we heard Pastor Sami say at the start of today in John 1, is that through the work of Christ, for all who believe, we have the right to be children of God. And if we believe the work of Christ is completed, then we are. That is not something for someday in the future—it is a present reality for all who believe, because the work of Christ was completed on the cross. It is finished. It is done.

We need not wonder. We need not worry. We need not think we need to do more. Christ has already paid it all, and it is all to Him we owe.

**Believe** that Jesus has **completed** the work

**Believe that Jesus has completed the work.** When He died on the cross, it completed the work. It is finished. Have no doubts—for all who believe, we believe because of what He has done. And it is finished.

Let's pray.

*Father in heaven, we thank You for the work that Your Son has done. We thank You that when He went to the cross, when He drank from the cup that You had for Him, He did so for us. We could not have done that. We could not have ever earned our way to You. We could never have earned life. There is nothing we could do in order to complete the work on our own. And so, we praise You that You sent Your Son, that He died in our place.*

*Father, we are deserving of death for our sins. We are deserving of standing under Your wrath for all eternity in hell because of our sin. And yet, You sent your Son for all who believe would have life. And we praise You for that, Lord. We praise You that we who believe are Your children. We are given so many promises through the work of Your Son, and we praise You for that.*

*We praise You that You sent Your Son, that He is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him, we may have life in His name. It is in His holy and precious name we pray. Amen.*

We're going to take communion, and if you're a believer, I want to encourage you. This is the night when Jesus instituted it—I guess last night—but this is the night when we celebrate the work that He has done, His body broken and His blood shed on behalf of our sins. I would encourage you, if you're a believer, to take time as the elements are passed to give glory to Jesus for what He has done on the cross. Praise Him for that. Praise Him that the

work is completed. We have assurance because of what He has done. This is so wonderful for us.

If you're not a believer, I would encourage you to let the elements pass by. Scripture commands us that this is for believers taking communion, but I'd encourage you to spend time during this song and during this time of reflection, praying that the Lord would open your heart to the truth of the Gospel. God has sent His Son. He lived a perfect life. He died for our sins. He rose from the grave. He reigns in heaven. He is returning some day. He is the Lord.

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,*

*Slain for us: and we remember:*

*The promise made that all who come in faith*

*Find forgiveness at the cross.*

*So we share in this Bread of life,*

*And we drink of His sacrifice,*

*As a sign of our bonds of peace*

*Around the table of the King.*

*The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,*

*Torn for you: eat and remember*

*The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,*

*Paid the price to make us one.*

*So we share in this Bread of Life,*

*And we drink of His sacrifice*

*As a sign of our bonds of love*

*Around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,*

*Shed for you: drink and remember*

*He drained death's cup that all may enter in*

*To receive the life of God.*

*So we share in this Bread of Life,*

*And we drink of His sacrifice,*

*As a sign of our bonds of grace*

*Around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith*

*We rise to respond: and to remember*

*Our call to follow in the steps of Christ*

*As His body here on earth.*

*As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.*

On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, He also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

Let's pray.

*Father, we thank You that You sent Your Son. We thank You that You so loved the world that You gave Your one and only Son, that whosoever believes will have eternal life. We thank You, Lord, that Your Son freely paid the price so that we could have life. We thank You for His blood shed and His body broken for us.*

*Thank You, Lord, that today, 2,000 years later, we are rejoicing in Your Son, and we will be rejoicing for all eternity. We thank you that He has paid the price, and we praise You for that. We pray that You would just remind us of that and keep us in awe of how wonderful You are. We praise You, Lord, for all You have done. We praise You, Jesus. We pray all of this in Your holy and precious name. Amen.*

### Worthy is the Lamb

*Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
The Lamb that was slain*

*Holy is the Lamb,  
Holy is the Lamb,  
Holy is the Lamb,  
We worship His Name*

*And bow down before  
The throne of the Lord  
And sing with one voice  
Of redemption He won  
For He bought our souls  
With the price of His blood,  
And purchased for God  
His people in Love*

*Mighty is the Lamb,*

*Mighty is the Lamb,  
Mighty is the Lamb,  
Who laid down His life*

*Righteous is the Lamb,  
Righteous is the Lamb,  
Righteous is the Lamb,  
To defeat death and rise  
And we lift up our eyes,*

*To the Son of Man  
And look with surprise,  
At the strength of this Lamb  
Who rose from the dead  
Having carried our sins  
Now reigning in Heaven  
To eternally live.*

*And we lift up our eyes,  
To the Son who cried  
In the garden that night,  
But chose still to die  
Who rose from the dead  
Having carried our sins  
Now reigning in Heaven  
To eternally live.*

### O Praise the Name

*I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree*

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

*His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone*

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

*Jesus paid it all  
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The work is finished. Praise the Lord for what Christ has done. Go in peace.