

Seven Last Words

Victory

John 19:28-30

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John 19²⁸ Knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty"...³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (NIV)

What did Jesus "finish" on the cross?

1. **HE ACCOMPLISHED** what God had promised.

John 4³⁴ Jesus said: My food is to do what God wants! He is the one who sent me, and I must finish the work that he gave me to do. (CEV)

Luke 24⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (NIV)

2. **HE SATISFIED** the law of God.

Romans 8³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

3. **HE DEFEATED** the power of death.

Romans 5¹⁷ For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. (NLT)

Hebrews 2¹⁴ Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (NLT)

4. **HE DESTROYED** Satan's power over me.

Colossians 1¹³ God rescued us from the dark power of Satan and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who forgives our sins and sets us free. (CEV)

Colossians 2¹⁵ In this way God took away Satan's power to accuse you of sin, and God openly displayed to the whole world Christ's triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away. (TLB)

Action Step:

CLAIM VICTORY OVER SIN!