

The Death of Jesus
John 19:28-37
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For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

The Scripture is fulfilled. Our passage begins and ends with that.

The Final Task: I Thirst

What Scripture is fulfilled? (See Psalm 22:15; 69:21)

The Cry of Victory: It Is Finished

Tetelestai. The work is complete! Salvation's plan accomplished.

Unpacking the meaning of "It is finished."

Entering Into Rest: Jesus Gave Up His Spirit

This yielding His life occurs in more passages than you may realize.

Jesus wasn't a passive victim here. He freely laid down His life.

The Debt Is Fully Paid: Jesus Really Died

The Jews were preparing for the Sabbath Day. Why was that Sabbath a high holy day?

Why not allow them to stay hanging on the Sabbath day? (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)

No broken bones for Jesus. Why? Why the spear in Jesus' side?

Blood and water had separated after death. What?

The Word made flesh died. Docetism is clearly wrong.

Why should we believe these things?

John was an eyewitness. The facts themselves and their explanation.

Two Fulfillments Emphasized, Again!

Jesus was the perfect Passover Lamb.

Jesus calls all to repent.

Meditation

For those united to Him, the heart of Jesus is not a rental; it is your new permanent residence. You are not a tenant; you are a child. His heart is not a ticking time bomb; His heart is the green pastures and still waters of endless reassurances of His presence and comfort, whatever our present spiritual accomplishments. It is who He is...

The evidence of Christ's mercy toward you is not your life. The evidence of His mercy toward you is His—mistreated, misunderstood, betrayed, abandoned. Eternally. In your place. If God sent His own Son to walk through the valley of condemnation, rejection, and hell, you can trust Him as you walk through your own valleys on your way to heaven...

There are two ways to live the Christian life. You can live it either *for* the heart of Christ or *from* the heart of Christ. You can live for the smile of God or from it. For a new identity as a son or daughter of God or from it. For your union with Christ or from it. The battle of the Christian life is to bring your own heart into alignment with Christ's, that is, getting up each morning and replacing your natural orphan mind-set with a mind-set of full and free adoption into the family of God through the work of Christ your older brother, who loved you and gave Himself for you out of the overflowing fullness of His gracious heart.

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