

The Last Words of Jesus

Week 4

WHAT Jesus did is just as momentous as **WHY** he did it.

1 Peter 3:18 [NLT]

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God.

:: There is NOTHING Jesus won't forgive.

:: Jesus chose not to save HIMSELF
so he could save US.

:: On the cross, Jesus was BROKEN
but he was not HOPELESS.

John 19:28-30 [NIV]

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Even though it is finished,
it is not OVER.**

Hebrews 10:10 [NLT]

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.



Luke 19:5-10 [NIV]

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**Rescue is not found in striving,
but RECEIVING.**

Mark 15:39 [NIV]
And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"



What happens NEXT is shaped by what we do NOW.

What is not yet FINISHED in your life today?

Hebrews 9:28 [NIV]

So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Notes:

“At the cross in holy love God through Christ paid the full penalty of our disobedience himself.”

— John Stott



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Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

:: Identify one thing God is teaching or re-teaching you through the “Last Words of Jesus” series.

:: Pastor Shawn said, “What Jesus did is just as momentous as why he did it.” Why is that the case? What are some implications of this reality?

:: Re-read John 19:16-30.

:: What are your initial observations from this passage?

:: Share how the work of Jesus can impact our lives today.

:: How has the finished work of Jesus impacted your life?

:: What does it mean that his finished work is not over?

:: Reread Luke 19:5-10.

:: What are some of your initial observations from this passage?

:: Why did Jesus say he came to earth?

:: What are some implications of that for us? Others?

:: Identify an area of your life that is “not yet finished.” Why is that the case? What work does Jesus want to do specifically in that area?

:: Share one thing you can do this week to allow Jesus to more fully finish His work in your life.

How to start a relationship with Jesus:

- 1) Admit that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Say YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I choose to trust and follow You as my Risen Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do Your will. In Your name, amen.

Unless otherwise noted, today’s Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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