

It Is Finished

Scripture Reading — John 19:28-37

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."
—John 19:30—*

"Are you finished with your chores yet?" a mother asks her teenager. Parents know their children are pulled in many directions by their friends, jobs, sports, and other activities. Following through on chores while we're young can help us learn to meet goals and complete important tasks in life.

Often as adults, though, we may find that we have regrets. Middle-aged parents may wish they'd spent more time with their children. People who become crippled by disease may wish they'd spent less time building a career and more time traveling with friends and building relationships. But some difficulties can't be avoided. Life has struggles and setbacks. Still, we do well to make the most of the opportunities we have each day.

Jesus, the Son of God, died one day long ago with the satisfaction of having completed his life's purpose. He came to seek and save the lost, and he accomplished everything needed for our redemption. Jesus meant it when he said, "It is finished." He made forgiveness and eternal life a reality for all who trust in him. "There is no other name under heaven ... by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). That's why today is Good Friday.

As you look to the cross today, be sure to receive him as your Lord and Savior. And if you have received him, love him with your whole being every day. Make today a great day as you joyfully serve the Lord!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for this Good Friday, for making our salvation possible. Hallelujah! Amen.

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