

## **“It is Finished!” With that Scripture was Fulfilled!**

John 19: 28-42 (vv. 22-24)

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### **I. Introduction**

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God! Throughout the Book of John, the author has continued in his quest of offering proofs of the “Deity, Sonship, and Authority” of Jesus. Now the perfect man, He who has no sin has been betrayed by those whom He came to save. On the crucifixion cross at Calvary Jesus draws to completion the work for which He came into the world. At John 4:34 Jesus said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”

### **II. The Lesson:” It is Finished!” With that Scripture was Fulfilled!**

#### **1. vv. 28. “I thirst”**

Throughout His ministry, and even now as Jesus suffers through the emotional pain of betrayal and the physical pain of having been beaten (scourged) and nailed to a cross, John lets us know that even in His final actions Jesus continues to fulfill scripture. Jesus is aware that He has been faithful to the directives given Him by the Father and has accomplished all things up to this point that had been regarding Messiah. This passage also illustrates the humanity of Jesus. He is fully God and fully man. As God He is the water of which we may drink and never thirst. But as a human He has succumb to the fever, pain and

anguish of His crucifixion. It is believed that Psalm 22:15 prophesied the anguish that the Messiah would endure and Psalm 69:21 a prophecy of these final moments that says, "They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. It is believed that Jesus is living out these passages as His final fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

## **2. vv. 29-30. "It is Finished"**

After receiving the sour wine (vinegar), Jesus proclaims the completion of His works. He has yielded in perfect obedience to the whole will of the Father. Jesus knew that death had to come that there might be resurrected life. It is of great importance that we see in this passage that the Lord did not lose His life, but instead had the power to lay down His life, to give His life. He GAVE up His Spirit just as He said he would (John10:17-18). This is significant in that it lets us know that the choice was His to die, to give up the fleshly body to save us! Hallelujah!! Amen!! **It is finished!**

### **"With that Scripture is Fulfilled."**

Jesus won the battle over sin and in doing so brought satisfaction to the Father. Isaiah said this of the Messiah; Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:10-12). Satan is defeated and the debt of sin was PAID IN FULL! The work of

Jesus was finished and a new order of worship was to be followed, through His church which He established, chosen, taught, loved, and purchased with His own blood.

3. **vv. 31-37.**

In these verses we are presented with additional evidences as proof of Jesus' Messiahship in the fulfillment of still more scripture. John the Baptist declared and identified Jesus as the "Lamb of God" who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29) . Jesus willfully gave his life as a sacrifice, as an atonement for the sins of us all. He was our Passover Lamb! "Not one of his bones shall be broken" (See Psalm 34:20).

**"They shall look on Him whom they pierced"** (See Zachariah 12:10).

4. **vv. 38-42.**

As a result of Jesus' death the actions of two men, both members of the Jewish leadership (the Sanhedrin) demonstrate their hidden belief in Jesus. The first man, Joseph of Arimathea was a rich man whom according to Matthew 27:57 had become a disciple of Jesus Christ. The second man, Nicodemus, had sought out Jesus at night to learn from Him (John 3:1-15) Both men are surely aware that their efforts taken to care for the body of Jesus will be made known to the other Jewish leaders; but it appears at this point they are both willing to endure whatever they must for the sake of Christ.