



WHY THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST MATTERS? JOHN 19:16-30

Calling it GOOD Friday is an
UNDERSTATEMENT

John 19:16–30 (ESV)

¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’ ” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The Death of Jesus

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Why the Death of Christ matters is summed up in this passage!

The Importance of the Death of Christ is summed up in three English Words – verse 30

IT IS FINISHED

Three English Words ... One word in Greek New Testament

Charles Spurgeon stated, "It would need all the other words that were ever spoken, or ever can be spoken, to explain this one word. It is altogether immeasurable. It is high; I cannot attain to it. It is deep; I cannot fathom it."

What has been accomplished, completed ... finished?

1. He had completed the SUFFERING necessary

2. He had now FULFILLED all the prophecies of His Life and Death

3. His Cry "It is Finished" declares his Finished work for our SALVATION.

John Calvin states that this cry "shows that the whole accomplishment of our salvation, and all the parts of it, are contained in his death."

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