
SERMON NOTES March 28, 2021

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John 19:17-37 It Is Finished! Pastor Mike

- I. Prophecy and the _____
_____ to Jesus' work on the cross
- II. Jesus' _____: The _____ on the cross
- a. The Biblical meaning of the imagery _____
 - b. The meaning of _____ on the cross
 - 1. On the cross Jesus took _____ and _____
 - 2. Hell is _____ from God and his goodness
 - 3. Hell is the _____ for the _____ our soul needs
- III. Jesus' _____: What he _____ on the cross
- a. The meaning of Jesus' last word; _____
 - b. It was a _____ of victory and accomplishment
 - c. Believing and accepting Jesus' _____

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. In his message Pastor Mike said that the cross is at the center of the message of the whole Bible, from beginning to end. In his Gospel, John makes this clear by repeatedly pointing how the details of Jesus' death on the cross fulfilled the prophecy of scripture.
 - a. There are some who argue that there is a division between the Old and New Testaments, and even between God's plan. Why is it so important to see the unity of God's plan throughout the Bible; that the whole Bible points to the cross?
 - b. The cross is at the center of the Bible and Christianity – there is no Christian message without the cross. Why is the cross so vital to the Christian message? How would you respond to someone who argued that the church should avoid talking about Jesus' blood and the cross because it turns people off to talk about such distasteful subjects?
2. The Gospel of John tells us of numerous times that Jesus taught about spiritual thirst, and that he is the living water that can forever satisfy our thirst. He taught this idea in John 4 to the woman at the well, in John 6:35, and in John 7:37-38. What is the meaning behind Jesus teaching that he is the living water that quenches our thirst? Is Jesus teaching about water and thirst in John related to his thirsting on the cross in John 19? If so, how?
3. John never mentions Jesus' pain and suffering through his flogging, carrying the cross, hammering the nails, or hanging on the cross. The only time John mentions Jesus expressing pain or discomfort is in verse 28 when Jesus said, "I thirst."
 - a. Why do you think that John (or any of the Gospels) give a description of the physical suffering involved in Jesus' death?
 - b. Considering all the things he doesn't tell us about Jesus' crucifixion, why does John tell us about Jesus' thirst? If there is a meaning behind this, what is the meaning?
 - c. John 19:28 tells us "Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst." If Jesus hadn't actually died yet, how was it all finished? What is the connection of it being finished and Jesus' thirst?
4. The Bible teaches that hell is an eternal reality, but most people would admit that it's a reality we don't understand well. In his message Pastor Mike showed how the Bible teaches that hell it's like a burning thirst of longing for the water our soul needs, as illustrated by Jesus' thirst on the cross. How does this picture impact your view of hell and/or sin?
5. John 19:30 tells us that immediately before the moment of his death, Jesus proclaimed, "it is finished." What was Jesus' proclaiming was finished? Pastor Mike pointed out that the words Jesus used wasn't a passive statement (I've survived what happened to me), but was a proactive statement (I've completed or accomplished my plan). Why is this a significant difference?
6. Why is it that many Christians can believe that Jesus' death was sufficient to pay the price of the sin for all humanity, but they then struggle to truly believe that it fully paid the price to completely forgive the worst of their own sins? How have you faced and/or dealt with this struggle in your own life?