

The Death of Jesus

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the 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.

I. "It is finished"

Greek - tetelestai (te-tel-les'-ty); to end, complete, execute, discharge (a debt).

What was finished?

The _____ work of Jesus Christ was finished

II. Key thought for the day; You have _____ business.

The words of Jesus

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

Jesus' work was - completed -up to that point.

But it was not _____ - until the next day - when He breathed His last.

Psalm 139:16 your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

You still have _____ -- in God's book

(See, also Revelation 3:1-2;)

III. Three Biblical principles to finishing the work
That God has given us to do.

#1 The first step _____ what is lacking.

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.
Acts 20:24

#2 Make the _____ to finishing

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:39

#3 We execute _____ actions.

Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

2 Corinthians 8:11

- Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23)
- Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7)
- Would enter Jerusalem as a king on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-9)
- Would be rejected by Jews (Psalm 118:22; I Peter 2:7)
- Die a humiliating death (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53)
- Sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:14-15)
- Betrayed by a friend (Psalm 55:12-14; Matthew 26:49-50)
- Disciples forsook Him (Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:56)
- Accused by false witnesses (Psalm 35:11; Matthew 26:59- 60)
- Spit on Him (Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 27:30)
- Silent before His Accusers (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12-14)
- Wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 27:26)
- Hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16; Luke 23:33)
- Crucified with thieves (Isaiah 53:12; Mark 15:27-28)
- Prayed for His persecutors (Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34)
- People ridiculed Him (Psalm 22:8; Matthew 27:41-43)
- Took his clothes and cast lots (Psalm 22:18; John 19:23-24)
- His forsaken cry (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46)
- Gall and vinegar given Him (Psalm 69:21; John 19:28-29)
- Bones not broken (Psalm 34:20; John 19:33)
- Committed Himself to God (Psalm 31:5; Luke 23:46)
- His side pierced (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34-37)
- Darkness over the land (Amos 8:9; Matthew 27:45)
- Buried in a Rich Man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60)
- Would rise from the dead!! (Psalm 16:10; Mark 16:6; Acts 2:31)
- Ascend into Heaven (Psalm 68:18; Acts 1:9)
- Would sit down at the right hand of God (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:3)

Study Guide

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