

Community Group Discussion Questions

“It Ain’t Over!” John 19:30 March 31st

Getting Started

When Jesus says, “IT IS FINISHED”, He’s saying to you that no matter what you’re facing or feeling YOU ARE NOT FINISHED. These three words give Hope and Healing, Confidence and Courage not only for today, but also tomorrow! These are words for us all to rally around, rely on, and rest within.

What is something you have finished that you are especially proud of? (music lessons, high school, college, building a house, completing a big project, etc)

How did it feel to know that you didn’t have to do anything more?

Going Deeper

I. A Single Word: “*It is Finished*” (Vs. 30)

- a. **Powerful Truth: Tetelestai!!!**
- b. **Perfect Tense (Continuation):** The perfect tense indicates that the progress of an action has been completed and the result of that action is ongoing and with full effect.
- c. **Practical Term: (Completed/Finished/Accomplished)**
 - i. Employee: Job Finished
 - ii. Priests: Sacrifice Accepted
 - iii. Artist: Masterpiece Completed
 - iv. Merchant: Account Settled

Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Religion is based on the idea that we can work to earn a right relationship with God. What do these verses say about that idea?

Knowing Jesus has done it all, what does **Ephesians 2:10** say we should do in response?

II. A Significant Work: “(It) is Finished” (Vs. 30)

a. Mission Accomplished: John 17:4

- Prophecy Fulfilled: Over 300 (Mt. 5:17)
- Law Obeyed: Word & Deed (Mt. 5:18)
- Truth Proclaimed: Jesus is the only way. (John 14:6)
- Church Established: Not a Monument, but a movement. (Mt. 16:18)
- Orders Delivered: Love God & Love People. (Mark 12:30-31)

b. Make Atonement: John 1:29

- Sin Pardoned: Past/Present/Future: (Hebrews 13:12)
- Death Defeated: Not a dead end, but a doorway. (1 Cor. 15:55)
- Satan Conquered: Rendered Powerless (1 John 3:8)

Jesus' coming to earth was an invasion and it had multiple goals. He fulfilled prophecies, perfectly fulfilled the Law, proclaimed the truth that He was the only way to salvation, established His church movement, and showed us how to live. Then, on the cross, He pardoned our sins. Finally, at the grave, He defeated death and conquered Satan.

When we think of great accomplishments in history, we can think of architectural marvels like the 7 Wonders of the World, artistic greatness in paintings and sculptures, human rights achievements like ending slavery and Apartheid, or sports dynasties. Honestly though, how do Jesus' accomplishments measure up to these? More to the point, why do we spend so much of our lives chasing after accomplishments that are so small in comparison to what Jesus has done? John the Baptist said, “He (Jesus) must increase and I must decrease.” **What would it look like if we aligned our lives with Jesus to tell His story and invite people into His story of Accomplishment and Atonement?**

III. A Supernatural Witness: Matthew 27:45-54

- a. Darkness Revealing: (Vs. 45)
- b. Earthquake Rattling: (Vs. 51)
- c. Saints Rising: (Vs. 52)
- d. Veil Rending: (Vs. 51)
- e. Soldier Repenting: (Vs. 54)
- f. Savior Reigning: (Mt. 28:20)

Throughout the Bible, when God wanted people to sit up and pay attention, He did miraculous things that could not be ignored or denied. (Flood, 10 plagues, Moses leading Israel in the desert, Joshua's army defeating Jericho, Jesus' miracles). **Which of the above miracles would have grabbed your full attention?**

Taken together, what do they say about what happened on the cross?

(Remember, there were even more miracles that occurred during and after the Resurrection!)

Take Away: Jesus left no unfinished business while on this earth, and because He has defeated the devil, conquered the grave all to forgive your sin, you can live in victory and know with authority that your story... "IT AINT OVER".

What do you think Jesus wants you to step into right now? What's the big, ambitious, faithful dream you feel He has given you?

Prayer Requests