

Title: "It Is Finished . . .!"
Text: John 19:28-30
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Big Idea

I wonder what you would consider to be the most significant words ever uttered in human history? Would you turn to something spoken by a poet or a philosopher, by a politician or a scientist? I'll tell you where I'd turn: John 19:30—"It is finished!"

1. What Does It Mean for Jesus?

Layer #1: Mission Accomplished

All through Jesus' life on this earth, from the very early stages of it, we get this unmistakable sense that he has come with a purpose, on a mission. He's been given some great work to do by his Father. And he's always thinking upon it, only really giving himself to it. And, of course, it all culminates in his death on the cross.

Layer #2: Scripture Fulfilled

From the very opening pages of Scripture, ever since the fall of Adam and Eve, the whole of redemptive history has been marching towards this moment. Every promise and prophecy, every symbol and type of the Old Testament, it's all been preparing us for and pointing us to Jesus and his work on the cross (cf. Matt. 5:17; John 5:39)!

This is why J.C. Ryle says: "Take away the cross of Christ, and the Bible is a dark book." To which I would add: "But put the cross of Christ back in at its center, and the Bible is full of light!"

Layer #3: Debt Paid

"It is finished." This was not the despairing cry of a helpless martyr; it was not an expression of satisfaction that the termination of his sufferings was now reached; it was not the last gasp of a worn-out life. No, rather was it the declaration on the part of the divine Redeemer that all for which he came from heaven to earth to do, was now done; that all that was needed to reveal the full character of God had now been ac-

complished; that all that was required by law before sinners could be saved had now been performed; that the full price of our redemption was now paid" - A.W. Pink

2. What Does It Mean for Us?

Layer #1: Open Door

Because of Jesus, that iron door that has long been shut with dead bolts running all along its side, that door that has stood like an impenetrable wedge between sinners like us and a holy God, it is now flung open wide! As Peter puts it in 1 Pet. 3:18: "Christ . . . suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God . . ."

Layer #2: Solid Ground

The Christian life begins where Jesus' life ends. Our starting line is his finish line. No longer are you running a race where you hope at the end of it: I'll be loved, I'll be accepted, I'll be enough. No! Now, because of Jesus, you start the race with a sense of this love as already yours from God. In one sense, then, it is finished; but, in another sense, it's only just begun!

Layer #3: Certain Hope

Because "it is finished," we have certain hope of a happy ending. No matter how hard things get here, no matter how rough the go, if we're with him, we're going to be okay.

3. How Do We Know?

Jesus' resurrection is God's exclamation point put at the end of this most significant sentence ever uttered: "It is finished!" It really is.



Reflection Questions

- What would you consider to be the most significant words ever uttered in human history and why?
- What did Nick mean when he said: "The Christian life begins where Jesus' life ends"? How would you apply this to yourself?
- If Jesus has opened wide the door for us to come home to God, have you walked through it? If not, what's keeping you on the outside?

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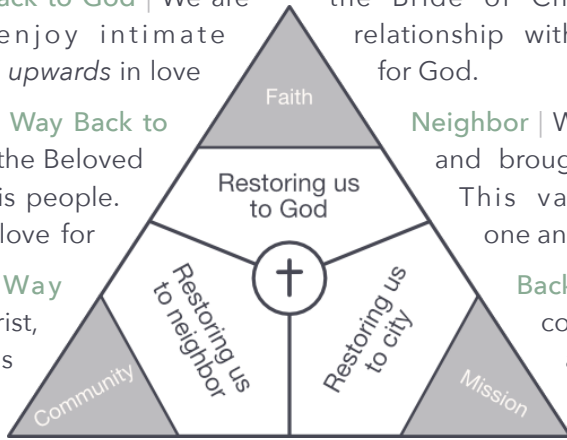
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Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.

FAITH: The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with God. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal relationship with his people. This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the Back to City | We are commissioned by the unbelieving.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

All Church Campout - Open Registration!

We are excited to announce that we will again be hosting our All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 26-28! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

- **Option #1: Day-Use:** For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it :).
- **Option #2: Camp:** This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

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