

It is Finished (8/14/22)

Main Verses: John 19:28-30

Key Verse: John 19:30

'Takeaway': Because Jesus, on the cross, *finished* the saving work God sent him to do, you and I can *start* a whole new life in the peace he purchased.

Getting Started: How do you feel when you finish something important to you?

READ John 19:28-30 (or have older kids help read).



Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Why do you think Jesus was thirsty?
- What did Jesus mean when he said, "It is finished"?
- How does Jesus "finishing" his work relate to the peace we learned about last week?

Elementary:

- Jesus said, "I thirst" to fulfill Scripture. Look at Psalm 69:21—What does it say there?
- Why do you think Jesus was thirsty?
- What did Jesus mean when he said, "It is finished"?
- What does Jesus "finishing" his work mean for you? How does this relate to the peace we learned about last week? How can you know that peace?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Jesus was both fully man and fully God. He felt everything on the cross.
- Jesus was really thirsty on the cross. He also asked for a drink to fulfill Scripture (Psalm 69:21).
- Jesus finished the work his Father (God) sent him to complete. He bore the punishment for our sins on the cross.
- Because of Jesus "finishing" His work, you and I can begin a new life. We can know God in a new way and live our lives for Him every day. He purchased peace for us!

Elementary:

- Remember that Jesus as fully man and fully God. He felt everything on the cross.
- When he said "I thirst" that was a real human thirst like you and I have. He had been hanging on the cross for hours. When He received the sour wine, he was most likely parched, and asked for his throat so he could utter his next words, the triumphant cry, "It is finished."
- "It is finished" proclaims that Jesus has completed the work his Father (God) sent him to accomplish—and particularly his bearing the punishment for our sins.
- "Gave up his spirit" shows how willingly Jesus sacrificed for us.
- Because of Jesus "finishing" his work, you and I can begin a new life. We can know God in a new way and live our lives for him every day. He purchased peace for us!

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for sending Jesus to finish his work for us so that we can know and love him. Ask God to help you to grow in your knowledge of him every day so that you can learn to love him more as you grow.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for sending his Son, Jesus, to the world to finish God's saving work on our behalf. Thank him for Jesus' death on the cross, and his resurrection so that by believing in him and surrendering our lives to him, we can walk in a new life focused on loving and pleasing God. Thank him for the peace that comes from new life in him. If you don't know Jesus in this way, talk to him about that; then talk to a trusted adult about how you can come to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior.