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THE WORD OF VICTORY

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."***

John 19:29-30

TETELESTAI FROM THE GREEK VERB TELEO WHICH MEANS "TO BRING TO AN END, TO COMPLETE, TO ACCOMPLISH."

SEVEN THINGS THAT WERE FINISHED:

1. JESUS' _____ WAS FINISHED.

Luke 12:50

Luke 18:31

John 4:34

John 5:36

John 17:4

John 19:30

Hebrews 12:1-2

2. THE _____ OF _____ WAS FINISHED.

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Hebrews 9:22

"He took my bankruptcy and covered it with His solvency."

Warren Wiersbe

2 Corinthians 5:21

Hebrews 10:10-14

John 3:16-18

3. THE _____ OF _____ WAS FINISHED.

Hebrews 9:27

2 Corinthians 5:8

1 Corinthians 15:26, 54-55, 57-58

4. THE _____ OF HIS _____ DURING HIS TIME ON EARTH WAS FINISHED.

5. HIS _____ WERE FINISHED.

6. HIS _____ WAS NOW FINISHED.

Acts 13:36

7. _____ WAS FINISHED.

1 Corinthians 15:21-25

Fill in the blanks: earthly mission, work, redemption, power, death, hatred, enemies, physical sufferings, life, Satan



MONDAY - TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Tomorrow, we will go back to Jesus' final moments on the cross, but today let's look at how His last week began.

Read Mark 11:8-10. Jerusalem was packed because the Passover was about to begin. As Jesus entered the city on a colt, He was heralded as the coming King with crowds waving branches and shouting "Hosanna" (translated 'Save!').

Celebrate the Lordship of Jesus, the King of glory, today! But don't do it alone. Share the good news and celebrate with family and friends.

TUESDAY - DARKNESS

Read Luke 23:44-45a. From the sixth hour (noon) until the ninth hour (3pm), the sun stopped shining and darkness filled the whole land. Read John 8:12. What new significance do these verses have when they are read together?

Take a few minutes to turn off all the lights and pray with your eyes open. Focus on the moment the sun stopped shining while Jesus was on the cross. Thank Him for enduring the cross and that no matter what is going on in the world, His light will always overcome darkness.

WEDNESDAY - IT IS FINISHED

Read John 19:28-30. What had Jesus "finished"?
Read Luke 19:10, Mark 10:45, 1 John 1:5.

Scholars have found ancient papyrus "receipts" from the time of Jesus with this word "finished" stamped on them, indicating the bill was "paid in full".

Have you ever paid off a big loan? How did that feel? Take a moment to thank Jesus for enduring the cross in order to stamp "paid in full" on your life.

THURSDAY - TORN IN TWO

Read Mark 15:37-38. For a thousand years, the temple in Jerusalem was established as the dwelling place of God. Only the High Priest was allowed to enter the innermost part, the Most Holy Place, once a year to make a sacrifice on behalf of the people. There was a curtain that separated the sinfulness of humanity from the Holy of Holies.

Read Hebrews 10:19-23. What does it mean for you that the curtain of the temple was torn in two?

FRIDAY - FINAL WORD

Read Luke 23:46. Luke emphasizes that Jesus spoke His last word “with a loud voice”. Why do you think this is significant? What do these words say about Jesus’ confidence that, no matter how bleak the moment, His Father is present with Him.

Read Deuteronomy 31:8. Take a moment to thank God that you can be confident that He will never leave or forsake you.

Be sure to attend the Good Friday service this evening which focuses on these last words and includes a special time of communion to remember Jesus’ sacrifice.

SATURDAY - BEFORE EASTER

Read Mark 15:42-47. What would you have felt like on Saturday if you had witnessed Jesus’ crucifixion and didn’t know what was coming on Sunday?

As you pray today, picture the sight and sound of a huge, heavy stone being rolled in front of the entrance of Jesus’ tomb. Feel the finality of it. At the same time, thank God that we know something those first witnesses did not. Fill your mind and your day with a sense of Easter-anticipation. No matter what feels dead, final, or hopeless...a dead man is about to walk out of His grave!

APPLY

Who do you know that is currently living in darkness or without the hope of Jesus in their lives?

CHALLENGE

Be intentional to invite these people to attend our Easter Celebration service with you!