

Good Friday 2017

Reflection # 3

"It is finished"

John 19:16b-30

Jesus said "it is finished". With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

What did Jesus **mean**?

It's a been **tough few days** – a tortuous few **hours** - I'm glad it's nearly **over**?

Was it a grim **resignation** to the fact that his death was imminent?

Was he giving **up**? I've had **enough** – it's all too **much**?

Was it a cry of **defeat**...? They've **won** – it's **finished**... they **got me**...?

No.... no.... no and no!

It was **none** of those...

This is wasn't Jesus resigning to an inevitable **end**.. nor was it a cry of **defeat**....

No – this was a cry of '**mission accomplished**' ...

The only thing that may have **appeared** to be accomplished – was the mission of the religious leaders who wanted **rid** of Jesus!

But no - Jesus was stamping his commission papers as '**mission complete**'

What his Father had sent him to **do**, he had **done**

What was that? – let me remind you from the Bible what Jesus came to do that had now been done!

1. Come into this world to bring **light** to its **darkness** – John 1:4-5
2. Take on human flesh and make his **dwelling** among us – John 1:14
3. Come with **grace** and **truth** and make the **Father known** – John 1:14-18
4. Become **poor**, so that we through his poverty might become **rich** – 2 Cor 8:9
5. Become obedient to **death**, even death on a **cross** – Phil 2:5-11
6. Be the **lamb** of God who takes away the sin of the world – John 2
7. Give his life as a **ransom** for many – Mark 10:45
8. Be **pierced** for our **transgressions** – Isaiah 53
9. **Crushed** for our **iniquities** – Isaiah 53

10. Take the **punishment** that brought us **peace** – Isaiah 53
11. Come into the world to **save sinners** – 1 Tim 1:15
12. Become our **advocate** before the **Father** – 1 John 1:1-2
13. Become **sin** for us that we might become **righteous** – 2 Cor 5:21
14. **Die** for us, while we were still **sinners** – Rom 5:6
15. **redeem** us by his blood - the **forgiveness** of sins... Eph 1
16. Be the means by which we are **justified** through **faith** and therefore have **peace** with **God** – Rom 5:1
17. make us **alive** with him even when we were dead in our **transgressions** – Eph 2
18. **forgive** all our **sins** – cancelling the written code that stood against us – Col 2
19. reconcile **all things** to **himself** – by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross – Col 2
20. to bare our **sin** in his **body** on the **tree** – 1 Peter 2:24
21. to save us - merely through his **mercy** and by nothing we have **done** – Titus 3:3-5
22. to be a **sacrifice** for us to take away the sins of many people... Hebrews 9:28
23. to open a **new** way to into the holy presence of God through the curtain... so that we may approach God with confidence... Heb 10:19-20
24. be the means by which God **reconciles** us to **himself!!** - 2 Cor 5
25. and make it possible for us to be **made new!** – 2 Cor 5

.... **That** is what he **finished!**

The work of **revealing** the **Father**

The work of your **salvation**

The work of **cancelling** your **sin**

The work of winning your **forgiveness**

The work of reconciling you to the **Father**

The work of opening access to the very **presence** of the **Father**

---- all **this** was being finished – and would come to **light** and be **revealed** in the **resurrection!**

All **his** work

None of **yours** ///

That is why this is called **Good Friday**...

How could it **NOT** be good when all that Jesus 'finished' has cancelled our debt and made us right with God!!

We now have been made holy!

Blameless!

With **spot** or **blemish!**

Now **his** – **forever!**

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