

# Cries From The Cross

## *A journey into the heart of Jesus*

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## Passion Week: A Cry of Victory

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† John 19: 30 †

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Ready or not... death cometh! Gradually or suddenly, there will come a day when unavoidable questions will be, *"Did we finish what God wanted us to do; how many opportunities did we squander, or did we make full use of our time on earth?"* Jesus died with the full assurance that His assignment was completed perfectly and eternally. In these three words of victory lies the assurance of our own salvation. We have the sure knowledge that our sin debt was paid by Another. The difficult work of suffering, separation, and being treated like a sinner was over. There was nothing left in the flesh that He could do for God. His greatest work however, would come a mere three days later.

"It is finished", is only one word in the original language. The word conveys the meaning of what a telescope does: bring that which is far away near. An employee who completes the assignment reports back to their employer, "it is finished". Notice the verb has no precise subject, Scripture does not tell us what was finished, yet it is clear that little word *"it"* embodied the whole scope of our redemption. In shouting, "It is finished!", Jesus gave the most triumphant cry in human history.

With the suffering over, the atoning sacrifice for our sins paid in full, we now know that our sins are on Him. Yes, there is sin *within* us, but not *on* us. Our sinful nature keeps luring us towards sin, and even in our best moments, our works are tainted with

## Series Overview

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Week 2	A Cry of Assurance Luke 23:43
Week 3	A Cry of Compassion John 19:26-27
Week 4	A Cry of Anguish Mark 15:34

## Passion Week

Monday	A Cry of Suffering John 19:28
Wednesday	A Cry of Victory John 19:30
Good Friday	A Cry of Submission Luke 23:46

selfish motives. But legally, we are accepted on the basis of what happened on that hill far away. Figuratively, we have a new set of clothes and a clear record in Glory.

**Question to Explore This Week:** How has Jesus' work on Calvary impacted your Kingdom priorities? (Rom. 12:1).

*“And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”*

When Jesus died, Scripture tells us, “... the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split...” (Matt. 27:51). The way to God was now open. Notice He bowed His head. The Man submitting to death on Friday for our cause, would conquer death, Gehenna, and the grave on Resurrection Sunday. One day, we all will bow our heads and give up our spirits. That's not the worst news we could hear; the worst news would be to leave this planet without accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. We return to the scene once more: Remember the thief who prayed the prayer of remembrance? He lived a life of crime, but died in expectation of entering Paradise. Our prayer is that you too, are expecting to spend eternity in the presence of the Almighty. A simple request with eternal consequences: *“Lord Jesus, come into my heart. I am sorry for all the wrongs I have done. Forgive me of my sins. I believe You died for me, rose for me, and one will come back for me. Thank You for loving me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.”* If you prayed that prayer, welcome to the Family. Find the nearest Christian, share your good news with them, then find a Christian church. Indeed, It. Is. Finished!