

The Last Three Sayings from the Cross

Sermon 95 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 27:47-50

I. “I Thirst” -- John 19:28-29; Psalm 69:1-3; 13-21

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth.

“I Thirst” is Proof of His Real Humanity. Christ thirsted, because He was a man.

Heb. 2:17 -- Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

We can go to Christ in prayer with our sorrows and woes.

He can not only help us in our sorrows, but He understands our sorrows.

Heb 4:15-16 -- For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

II. It is Finished – John 19:29-30

This is the loud cry of triumph found in Matthew, Mark and Luke

“It is finished”. *Tetelestai* —is in the perfect tense.

- It has been, it is, and it forever will be finished.
- He had paid the price for sin, and now he could die.

III. Father, into thy Hand -- Luke 23:46; Psalm 31:1-5

There is the loud cry – “IT IS FINISHED”.

Then the quiet prayer -- ⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ ” Having said this, He breathed His last.

Exepneusen -- He breathed out – or literally *released his spirit*.

Augustine -- He gave up his life because he willed it, when he willed it, and as he willed it.

IV. The Death of Christ

A. Fulfilled all the Prophecies of Messiah Coming to Die

B. Was the End of His Sufferings

C. Means the Goal of the Incarnation was Accomplished.

D. Means the Atonement was Accomplished

There are at least 4 Biblical proofs that it is sufficient, that redemption was accomplished and that it was acceptable to God.

1. The veil of the Temple was torn in two.
2. The raising of Christ from the dead is a sure proof that His sacrifice was an acceptable sacrifice.
3. The Exaltation of Christ to the Father's right hand is again a proof that the Father delighted in His work and person.
4. The Holy Spirit has come, and applies to each believer the benefits purchased by Christ in this New Covenant age.

E. Means the Destruction of Satan's Power.

Heb. 2:14 -- That through death, he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."