

## **5<sup>th</sup> Word from the Cross: A Word of Suffering: “I Thirst” John 19:28**

- These words are spoken just before Jesus gave up His spirit on the cross
- These words are found in none of the other Gospels, only John has them
- John tells us, Jesus spoke these words on the cross to fulfill all Scripture

### **I. Proof of Christ’s Humanity**

- The Lord Jesus was very God and very Man (hypostatic union)
- Jesus: All who have seen Me have seen the Father (1 Tim 3:16; Phil 2:6-7)

### **II. The Severity of Christ’s Suffering**

Jesus’ cry “I thirst” not a plea for pity – it expressed more than physical thirst

“I thirst” happens after “why have you forsaken Me” -- broken fellowship

### **III. Christ’s Deep Reverence for the Scriptures**

Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that *the scripture might be fulfilled* said, “*I thirst*”

### **IV. Jesus' Perfect Submission to the Father**

The rock that followed Israel, turned water into wine, trusted the Father

### **V. We see how Christ can sympathize with His suffering people**

Jesus bore our grief, “He thirsted” a sympathizing High Priest (Heb 4:15)

### **VI. Jesus’ Words Express a Universal Need**

Lost people thirst for the living water that only Jesus gives (John 4:14)

### **VII. Lasting Principle of Christ “thirsting”**

Jesus still thirsts – to have fellowship with His people (Song of Sol 8:6)