

THE HOUR OF DARKNESS

THE STORY

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Chapter Twenty Six

“It Is Finished”

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IT IS FINISHED

JOHN 19:30

While Jesus was doing His greatest work, He uttered His greatest words! Through the excruciating pain of a tormenting death, Jesus gave the most meaningful statements worthy of careful consideration. John records three of Jesus' seven statements uttered while on the cross. The sixth—and perhaps the most hopeful—is the one we consider today.

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JOHN 19:30

Charles Spurgeon-the Prince of Preachers
Metropolitan Tabernacle in London
Seated 5000

No public address system

Pulpit at the second of three levels

Pastor's college: extemporaneous preaching

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John Knox

St. Giles Cathedral

Clear and scavingly preaching

Robert Schuller -Crystal Cathedral

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The greatest pulpit: the cross

Jesus the greatest Preacher

Greatest sermon from the cross

Hung for six hours

Seven short statements

Monumental thoughts of forgiveness, provision,
and salvation

Jesus spoke seven times from the Cross
Three before the darkness, once in the
darkness, and three times after the darkness

THE FIRST WORD

*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what
they do."*

Gospel of Luke 23:34

Jesus spoke seven times from the Cross
Three times in the darkness, once in the
darkness, and three times after the darkness

THE SECOND WORD

*"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in
Paradise."*

Gospel of Luke 23:43

Jesus spoke seven times from the Cross
Three times in the darkness, once in the
darkness, and three times after the darkness

THE THIRD WORD

*"Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your
son".*

*Then he said to the disciple: "This is your
mother."*

Gospel of John 19:26-27

Jesus spoke seven times from the Cross
Three times in the darkness, once in the
darkness, and three times after the darkness

THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

Jesus spoke seven times from the Cross
Three times in the darkness, once in the
darkness, and three times after the darkness

THE FIFTH WORD

"I thirst"

Gospel of John 19:28

Jesus spoke seven times from the Cross
Three times in the darkness, once in the
darkness, and three times after the darkness

THE SIXTH WORD

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said,
"It is finished";
and he bowed his head and handed over the
spirit.*

Gospel of John 19:30

Jesus spoke seven times from the Cross
Three times in the darkness, once in the
darkness, and three times after the darkness

THE SEVENTH WORD

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit":

Gospel of Luke 23:46

The Sixth Saying-“It is finished!”

1. Not “I’m finished” as if His life is over
2. Not “We’re finished” as if all He worked for and invested is done
3. Matthew, Mark, and Luke add that when He cried out, he dismissed His Spirit and died
4. Not as a victim, but as a Victor

The Sixth Saying-“It is finished!”

The Statement is Meaningful

“It is finished” is the translation of the single word in Greek, Telestai

1. Telos means to complete, to bring to an end, to accomplish or to perfect or pay.

Historical Use

Used by Servants

Accomplish something asked by the master

"I've done everything you told me to do."

Jesus

On four occasions, Isaiah predicted Jesus as
God's ultimate Servant

Servant of the Lord, who accomplishes the tasks
of the Master

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be
served, but to serve, and to give His life a
ransom for many" (Mark 10:45)

"Did you not know that I must be about My
Father's business?" (Luke 2:49)

Used by Priests

When animals brought for sacrifice

Male lamb without blemish (see Exodus 12:5)

Perfect, a suitable lamb for sacrifice

Jesus, the perfect sacrifice

1 Peter 1:18-19

“You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”

Jesus, the perfect sacrifice

His enemies knew He was perfect

Sanhedrin hired false witnesses to make false
accusations

Pilate: "I find no fault in Him" (John 18:38;
John 19:4; John 19:6)

"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood"
(Matthew 27:4)

Used by Artists

Sculpture or painting completed

Detailed work

The picture complete

Used by Used by Artists

Old Testament

Details

Not complete

Jesus completes the picture: "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill"

Matthew 5:17

Used by Merchants

When a debt was paid in full

We are debtors

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God" (Romans 3:23)

We owe an insurmountable debt

We're Bankrupt

"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)

Jesus paid our debt in full

The Speaker is Purposeful-
Jesus lived with a purpose

His Purpose Always in Mind

1. Jesus lived with priorities

2. "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work" (John 4:34)

3. "I have finished the work which You have given Me to do" (John 17:4)

4. "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished" (John 19:28)

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His Priorities Always in Line

World's steps to personal success

Set goals

Take concrete steps to achieve goals

Objectively evaluate steps along the way

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His Priorities Always in Line
Jesus' life

Not self-focused

For the Father

Poured out His life for others according to God's
will

The Speaker is Purposeful-

Jesus lived with a purpose

- How was it finished in just three and a half years?

Did what the Father gave Him to do
Evaluated everything in the light of eternity

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His
righteousness" (Matthew 6:33)

Milan Cathedral

All that pleases is but for a moment

All that troubles is but for a moment

Nothing is important except that which is eternal

The Significance is Wonderful

His Sufferings were finished

1. Crucifixion
2. Beaten
3. Crown of thorns
4. Betrayal

The Significance is Wonderful

The Old Covenant was finished

Anticipated the new covenant

"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with my people."

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“God takes away the first that He might establish the second.”(Hebrews 8:6-7)

"For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"
(John 1:17)

The Significance is Wonderful

The Law points out our faults

We haven't kept God's perfect standard

Like looking in the mirror

Has no power to change you

"For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all"

(James 2:10)

The Significance is Wonderful

Satan's Authority was finished

Our Redemption was finished

Embrace the new covenant: receive Christ

Cannot add to it

Cannot improve it

Not a joint effort

Believe in Him

The Significance is Wonderful

"It's too late for you to do anything; Jesus has already done it all!"—Alexander Wooten

"And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit"
(John 19:30)

He bowed His head, then died

He put His head down and dismissed His spirit

"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:18)

The Significance is Wonderful

God finishes everything He starts

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2)

Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise"

Luke 23:43

The Significance is Wonderful

Although the work is finished, we may have
unfinished business

Supreme Court Justice John Marshall ruled "A
pardon has no value unless it is accepted by the
criminal"

We must receive Christ.