

Sermon Discussion Questions

“REDEMPTION ACCOMPLISHED”

Discuss

Question: “Why do you call him ‘our Lord’?”

Answer: “Because not with silver or gold, but with his precious blood, he has redeemed and purchased us, body and soul, from sin and from all the power of the devil, to be his own.” *Heidelberg Catechism*, question 34

“My priceless Savior, let me ask this question:
When Cross-nailed you are so diminished,
Say you yourself that *all* is “finished” –
Have I, in fact, from *death* been freed?
Through your despair and desolation
Am I *myself* assured salvation? . . .
In your deep pain you speechless bled,
Yet when you just now bowed your head,
It seems, in fact, that ‘Yes’ you said.”

– from Johann Sebastian Bach, *Aria 60, Saint John Passion*, tr. F. D. Bruner¹

- 1) Jesus finished his perfect life with his sacrificial death on the cross.
 - What do we mean when we say that Jesus lived a perfect life?
 - Does this refer only to his being sinless?
 - If you were telling an unbeliever about the life of Jesus, how would you describe it? What events in his life would you share?
- 2) In his sermon, Joe referred to the four main meanings of Jesus’ final word, “Finished!” as described by Frederick Dale Bruner in his commentary on John:
 1. The Great Reconciliation (of the World with God)
 2. The Great Reality (of Truth in History)
 3. The Great Revelation (of the Love of God to the World)
 4. The Great Rout (of the Devil for Believers)
 - Why is it important that each of these be finished?
 - How does Jesus’ finished work on the cross affect our everyday lives? Or in other words, how would you complete this sentence, “If I get up each day and remember that Jesus said, ‘Finished!’ on the cross, I will”?
- 3) Much of John’s gospel assures us of the ways in which Jesus’ life and death fulfilled Scripture.
 - How would you answer this question—“Was Jesus just saying certain words in order to fulfill Scripture?” Explain.
- 4) What did Jesus “drink” (metaphorically) on the cross that made his thirst so agonizing? (See Mark 14:36, Ps. 22:15, and Gal. 3:13) How was his terrible thirst indicative of both his divinity and his humanity?
- 5) For what do Jesus and all of his followers still thirst? (See Matt. 26:29 and Rev. 19:6-9) In what way is the thirst of believers perfectly satisfied?



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SPEAKER: Joe

SERIES: The Cross and
the Resurrection

PASSAGE: John 19:28-37

Pray

Ah, holy Jesus,
how hast thou offended, that man to
judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own
rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought
this upon thee? Alas, my treason,
Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied
thee: I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine
incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and
thy life’s oblation:
thy death of anguish and thy bitter
passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot
pay thee, I do adore thee, and will
ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love
unswerving, not my deserving.

Amen.

– *Johann Heermann, 1630; translated in
Yattendon Hymnal, 1899*

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MVP, Smokin’ for Jesus, & Tutoring

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New missionary partner, Norma,
serving in a sensitive area

¹For a recording, click [here](#).