

"IT IS FINISHED"**Introduction**

1. one of the seven sayings from the Cross
2. climax of all our Lord's ministry on earth
3. a text suitable to remind us: "This do..."

1. OUR LORD'S SUFFERINGS NOW 'FINISHED'

- 1) six trials in night – most unjust
- 2) shame + pain: spitting / beard / scourge
- 3) carrying the cross: Simon of Cyrene / title 3 languages
- 4) between two thieves: more shame
- 5) six hours – 7 sayings
 - (i) 9-12: light
 - (ii) 12-3: darkness (not eclipse)
- 6) drinking the cup of damnation:
 - (i) physical death: mind + body
 - (ii) spiritual death: Not He
 - (iii) eternal death: in His soul

OBSERVE: Rejoice: "It is finished"

2. OUR LORD FULFILLED ALL OT SCRIPTURES RELATING TO SACRIFICE + ALL TYPES

- 1) Isaiah 53 / Psalm 22 / Psalm 69...
- 2) Predictions to Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:15) / the experience of Abraham / Mosaic sacrifices / lamb of Passover / blood / "Lamb of God"
OBSERVE: These all pointed to Christ + to the cross: "Finished!"

3. HE HAS MADE AN END OF ALL THE THINGS WHICH MIGHT CLOSE HEAVEN'S DOOR AGAINST US AS HIS PEOPLE

- 1) Sin: now atoned for: 10
- 2) Death: "The death of death"
- 3) Satan: "Made a show..."
- 4) The justice and anger of God: Propitiation (good word!)
ILLUSTRATION: turned it away from us
OBSERVE: How we should be glad! No stone left unturned – heaven.

4. THIS TEXT MAKES THE LORD'S SUPPER VERY SWEET TO BELIEVERS

- 1) a reminder of our blessed state in Christ: pardon + peace
- 2) "My Father...your God"
- 3) 4-fold state (Boston)

CONCLUSION

Beggar + Rich Girl.
"It is finished!"
Blessed be God!!

PSALM**40: 4 – 8****22: 14 – 21****23: 1 – 6**