

**April 20, 2025**

Tetelestai: The Cry of a Winner

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**John 19:28-30**

**Tetelestai: Gk. It is finished**

✓ Paid in \_\_\_\_\_

**It Is Finished**

- ✓ The prophecies of Jesus' death and resurrection were finished
- ✓ The animal sacrifices were finished
- ✓ The satisfaction of God's justice for sin was finished
- ✓ The power of Satan, sin, and death was finished

**How God Views Forgiveness**

- ✓ God forgives me as far as the \_\_\_\_\_ is from the \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 103:11-12)
- ✓ God buries my sin under the \_\_\_\_\_ (Micah 7:19)
- ✓ God puts my sin \_\_\_\_\_ His back (Isaiah 38:17)
- ✓ God's forgiveness of my sin is like \_\_\_\_\_ something from \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 44:22)
- ✓ God forgives my sin as if it never \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 8:12)

Leon Morris

"Jesus died with the cry of the Victor on His lips. This is not the moan of the defeated, nor the sigh of patient resignation. It is the triumphant recognition that He has now fully accomplished the work that He came to do."

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## Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What is your best memory of Easter? What is one of your favorite traditions?
3. A single word can change everything. Is there a time in your life where a single word made a tremendous impact on you?
4. What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished"?
5. What does forgiveness mean to you? Why is it so hard to forgive at times?
6. What effects does an unforgiving heart do to both you and others? How does this also strain your relationship with the Lord?
7. Go back and look at the five ways God views forgiveness. Which one resonates most with you?
8. How can you thank Jesus today for His sacrifice on the cross? How can you use the testimony of Christ's crucifixion in telling others about Him?

Jesus saying, "Tetelestai (It is finished)" was a cry of a winner. Death was defeated. The temple curtain was torn from top to bottom, signifying the direct access to God through a relationship with Jesus. In essence, the prison doors were opened, and the sinner can be freed of the bondage of sin and have a new life in Christ Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus demands a response. How will you respond? Do you know Him? Have you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins? If not, would you do that today? You can pray this prayer: *"Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins and surrender my life. Wash me clean. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. That he died on the cross for my sins and rose again on the third day for my victory, I believe that in my heart and make confession with my mouth, that Jesus is my Savior and my Lord."*

If you prayed to receive Jesus, please let us know. We want to celebrate with you. Also, we have a gift for you, a "What's Your Next Step?" booklet.