

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

SERMON OUTLINE

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“THE FINISHED WORK OF CALVARY”

John 19:25-30

On this Palm Sunday morning, I would like for us to once again visit the place called CALVARY or also called the Place of the Skull. And it was there that Jesus bowed His head and he said, “... **It is finished**...”

(John 19:30). In the Greek it is one word “*tetelestai*”.

Now, I want you to be clear in the matter, that **He did not say, “I am finished.”**

The Disciples thought He was finished. But He did not say **I am finished**, He said, “... **It is finished**...” (John 19:30). It is done. Now, in order to understand the wonder of that word, I want you to see how that word was used in ancient history.

First, it was used as a **SERVANT’S** word. When a servant would have completed a task, he would come back to his master and after it was done and say “*tetelestai*”.

Secondly, not only was this word, *tetelestai*, a **servant’s** word, **it was also a priest’s word**. The priest in this day had many assignments. They especially had the duty and the responsibility to examine the sacrificial lambs and make sure it was “perfect” and he would say, “*tetelestai*”. It’s perfect!

Thirdly, I’ll tell you another person who used this word. Not only would a servant use this word when he’d completed a task and not only would a priest use this word, but an **artist** in this day would use this word. When the artist would have completed his masterpiece he would say, *tetelestai* – **it is FINISHED**.

Fourthly, it was also a **merchant’s word**. It was used in business transactions. And, when a man would have paid his bill in full, rather than marking on the bill, paid in full, they just put again this word, “*telestai*.”

Fifthly, it was a **judge’s word**. When a prisoner he had paid his debt to society, they would write on that bill of charges against him. They would stamp on that bill, the same word “*tetelestai*.”

Lastly, it was a **warrior’s word**. When the battle was over, and the warrior would come home and look into the face of his general or look into the face of his family. Whatever it was, when there was victory he would say, “**It’s done, tetelestai, it is finished.**”

let me mention several things that were **FINISHED by Jesus on the Cross!**

I. The **PROPHECIES** Concerning His Death Were FINISHED
Look again at V-28.

II. The **PAYMENT** for Sin Was Now Finished
Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus knew He had to pay?
Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus anticipated the future?

III. The **PLAN** of Salvation was Finished
You see the Bible says, “*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost*” (Luke 19:10). And, when He died on the cross all that is necessary for you to be saved was done.

IV. The **POWER** of Satan is Finished

Jesus said in John 12:31, “*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out*” Jesus won the victory through death He destroyed him that had the power of death. That is the devil and said, “**It’s finished, it’s done.**”

We must remember what **1 John 4:4** says; “*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world*”. Because “**IT IS FINISHED**” “...we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Rom. 8:37)