

## It is Finished

*Gospel of John, Part LXVI*

John 19:28-30 with Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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### I. Fulfilling Scripture (19:24, 28, 36f)

The crucifixion fulfilled God's Eternal Plan. It was no random chance nor tragic calamity but the orchestrated plan of Almighty God.

### II. It is Finished (cf. 4:34; 6:38-40; 17:4)

In v. 28, John tells us that Jesus knew that all things were \_\_\_\_\_ and then records Jesus' declaration of the same in v. 30. *Tetelestai! It is \_\_\_\_\_!* Jesus finished the \_\_\_\_\_ the Father had given Him to do (17:4; 4:34). Jesus is announcing that He has accomplished the complete salvation of all those whom the Father had given Him (6:38-40).

The Scriptures were fulfilled *in Jesus' knowledge that all things had been finished*. Jesus knew He had finished (*teleo*) His labor and so brought the Scriptures to completion (*teleioo*). Isaiah had prophesied, "*He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied*" (53:11a). "*It is \_\_\_\_\_!*"

### III. The Suffering Servant

#### A. A – The Glorious Servant (52:13-15)

The first section introduces the Servant. Through His suffering, He will \_\_\_\_\_ *many nations* and so be *exalted* by God such that the *kings* of the earth *shall shut their mouths at Him*, acknowledging that He is their Lord.

#### B. B – The Servant Loved by God; Despised by Men (53:1-3)

The second section contrasts the \_\_\_\_\_ love for His Servant with humanity's rejection of Him. Though God providentially protected the Servant and watched over Him (v.2a-b), we did not believe (1); we did not esteem Him or see anything special in Him (2c-3). As John declared, "*He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own and those who were His own did not receive Him*" (1:10-11 cf. 12:38).

#### C. C – The Servant's Substitutionary Offering (53:4-6)

The third section explains why the Messiah must suffer. The Servant must suffer for \_\_\_\_\_ sins and \_\_\_\_\_ transgressions (4-6). He dies so that He might *sprinkle the nations* with His blood and so grant us *peace* with God (5c).

- I. Prologue: The Identity of the Son of God (1:1-18)
- II. Jesus Proven to be the Christ & the Son of God in His Public Ministry (1:19-12:50)
- III. Jesus Proven to be the Christ & the Son of God in His Passion and Resurrection (13:1-20:31)
  - A. Introduction: He knew His hour had come (13:1)
  - B. Jesus Prepares the Disciples for His Departure (13:2-17:26)
  - C. Jesus Departs this world to the Father (18:1-20:29)
    - 1. Jesus' Arrest & Trials (18:1-19:16a)
    - 2. Jesus' Crucifixion & Burial (19:16b-42)
    - 3. Jesus' Resurrection & Appearances (20:1-29)
  - D. Conclusion: Purpose of the Gospel (20:30-31)
- IV. Epilogue: The Future Mission of the Son of God (21)

D. B' – The Servant Cut Off by Men, Blessed by God (53:7-9)

While \_\_\_\_\_ will oppress and afflict the Servant (7), cutting Him off and treating Him like a criminal (9a), they will serve \_\_\_\_\_ purpose who is striking the Servant *for the transgressions of My people* (8d) and who will testify of the Servant's righteousness by having Him buried with the rich (9b-d).

E. A' – The Servant's Glorious Reward (53:10-12)

Finally, the fifth stanza, picks up the assertion of the first stanza – *the Servant shall be exalted and be very high*. So how shall this happen? \_\_\_\_\_ will *bruise Him and make Him an offering for sin* (10) and so His work will be completed, and He will *justify* His people. Therefore, the Lord *will divide him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong* (12a-b).

#### IV. Application

A. Believing in the Cross of Christ (2 Cor 5:20-21)

B. Proclaiming the Cross of Christ (Mk 10:42-45; 1 Cor 2:2)

Paul declared to the Corinthians that he had resolved to know nothing among them *“except Jesus Christ and Him crucified”* (1 Cor 2:2). For Paul the *crux* of the matter is the *cross*. The cross of Christ is the center of our faith.

First, it is the cross of Christ that reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. On the one hand, the Cross of Christ reveals the *magnitude* of God's *love*. On the other hand, the Cross of Christ also reveals the *incorruptibleness* of God's *justice*. Second, the Cross summarizes the essence of our \_\_\_\_\_ as Christians. When the disciples argued over which of them would be the greatest, Jesus taught them, *“And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”* (Mk 10:44-45).

C. Rejoicing in the Cross of Christ (Is 54:1-3)

*“Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman,”* says the LORD. *“Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.”*

#### V. Conclusion