

It Is Finished

The Sixth Saying

After Jesus had received the vinegar He said, *"It is finished"* (John 19:30).

Jesus Fulfilled Both the Law and the Prophets

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17).

"In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, "Behold I have come in the volume of the book it is written of Me to do Your will, O God" (Hebrews 10:6-7).

1. The prophets who spoke of and showed His coming (Luke 18:31).
 - a. The coats of skins for Adam, Eve, and Abel's lamb. Jesus clothed us with salvation and righteousness.
 - b. The ark of Noah. Jesus is our shelter from storm.
 - c. Abraham offered Isaac but killed the ram. God should have sacrificed us, but Jesus substituted.
 - d. The blood on the doorposts protected Israel. We are protected from the destroyer by Jesus' blood.
 - e. The Passover lamb told of Jesus, the Lamb of God.
2. The Law

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")" (Galatians 3:13).

- a. The serpent on the pole. Jesus on the cross. Our sin and sickness taken by Him from us.
- b. The sacrifices no longer needed to be offered (Hebrews 10:1-4, 18).

Redeemed from the Curse of the Law

"When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

1. It is finished **"telew"** – FINISHED.
2. This was not a cry of the completion of all things.
 - a. His suffering was not finished.
 - b. Salvation was not finished.
 - c. His completed work was not finished.

- d. Jesus finished different parts of His ministry at different times.
 - e. He finished His ministry works before the cross (John 17:4).
 - f. Even after resurrection, He still had more to do (John 20:17).
 - g. Redemption was finished at His ascension. But the plan of the ages is still to be completed (Hebrews 1:3, 13).
3. Jesus meant the Law was fulfilled – it was over.
- a. Jesus was made under the law to redeem those under the law (Galatians 4:4).
 - b. Jesus did not come to destroy the law or the prophets. He did not come to destroy but to fulfill.
4. Jesus fulfilled:
- a. All scriptures, prophecies of His coming, and work up to the cross.
 - b. All laws and sacrifices under the law of Moses.
5. The laws and sacrifices had been fulfilled in Jesus. They were no longer necessary for sinners' salvation or believer's spirituality.
- a. The path to God for sinner's salvation is now the Mediator, Jesus Christ.
 - b. The path to God for saints for forgiveness is now the High Priest, Arbitrator, Jesus Christ.
6. Jesus did not drink the sour wine to dull the pain, but in our place, as a symbol of the bitter taste of our inability to keep the law.

At Jesus' Death

1. The veil separating man from God was removed by Jesus' death.
 - a. The cloth veil was torn as a sign.
 - b. The law was removed. Man was reconciled to God.
2. The real scapegoat was sent out on the Day of Atonement, and would never be sent again.