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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Series Title: Six Words Changed Everything-Part 1
Key Scripture: John 19:28 – 30
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/it-is-finished-good-friday
Date + Speaker: April 18, 2025; Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter:
Can you recall a time when you finished/completed something – school/coursework; a work project; a personal project? How did that make you feel?

Discussion:

1. "It is finished!" separates Christianity from other religions. Rather than "do, do, do, don't, don't, don't," it's "Done! Done! Done!" (Hebrews 10:18; Ephesians 2:8-9) How can we live in recognition and awareness of this Done reality?
2. Because we know where the story ends, we sometimes fail to focus on Good Friday. What does a focus on Good Friday highlight for us?
3. Pastor Mark explains the five different uses of the Greek word, "tetelestai" (see below), that is translated "It is finished". What meaning most resonates with you and why?
4. How does the picture of a dying man shouting, "it is finished!" in victory (John 19:30) help our understanding of Christ's work on the Cross?
5. Pastor Mark highlights three other instances in the Gospel of John where the "it is finished" theme is referenced by Jesus (John 4:34; John 5:36; John 17:4). How do those instances connect and point to the final "It is finished" declaration by Jesus?
6. It is finished means that Jesus has fulfilled God's promises (II Corinthians 1:20). What promises in the Old Testament are fulfilled by the death on the cross?
7. In declaring "tetelestai", Jesus reveals Himself as a servant, Judge, accountant, artist, and a priest. Are there any common threads connecting these personalities? In what ways are they different from each other? How

does Jesus being revealed as all these persons help our understanding of His person and His work for us?

8. In declaring "it is finished!", Jesus declared that He has defeated Satan's power (Colossians 2:15). Why then do we still have battles from Satan? How do we take advantage of the victory that Jesus has won us?

FIVE COMMON USES OF THIS GREEK WORD IN THAT DAY …

1. It was used by a SERVANT: "The task is completed".

(Jesus finished the task God had given Him to do).

2. It was used by a JUDGE: "A prisoner completed his prison time".

(Jesus made sure that justice had been served for our sin).

3. It was used by an ACCOUNTANT: "The debt has been paid in full".

(Jesus completely paid our debt of sin).

4. It was used by an ARTIST: "The picture is finished".

(Jesus' sacrifice finished God's great masterpiece by making it possible for us to be redeemed from our sin).

5. It was used by a PRIEST: "The sacrifice has been made".

(Jesus death on the cross was the sacrifice for our sin).