

## WHAT DID HE FINISH?

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**When It All Went Down // John 19:25-30**

### Sermon Context

As we come to John 19:25–30, we are standing at the very foot of the cross in the final moments of Jesus’ earthly life. John shows us that even as Jesus suffers, He is still fully in control — caring for His people, fulfilling Scripture, and completing the work the Father sent Him to do. When Jesus cries, “It is finished,” He is not simply announcing that His suffering is over; He is declaring that the saving work of redemption has been fully accomplished. In this passage, we see what Christ finished on the cross and what that finished work now means for all who draw near to Him in faith.

### CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. How has praying for “Your One” gone this week? Any updates on “Your One”?
2. Have you ever spent an entire day working hard but realized at the end that nothing actually got finished? What happened?

### REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. Read John 19:25-30 aloud together. ☑ What stood out to you most from the passage itself? What stood out to you from Sunday’s message? Jesus said, **“It is finished.”** Before we ask what that means, why do you think that statement is so important in this moment?
4. The women at the cross had followed Jesus faithfully, but in this moment they could do nothing but **stand near Him and hope in Him**. What does that picture teach us about how salvation works? Why is it hard for us to accept that we cannot rescue ourselves, fix ourselves, or earn our way back to God?
5. Pastor Jeremy said, **“We get to go beside the cross rather than on the cross.”** What does that mean, and why is that good news?
6. Why do you think Jesus took time, even in His suffering, to care for His mother and entrust her to John? What does this moment reveal about the kind of family Jesus creates through the gospel?
7. Pastor Jeremy asked, “Could Jesus entrust you with His family?” What would that look like in practical terms in the life of the church?
8. Jesus left His Father’s throne room, His mother’s comforting presence, and even His own life in order to claim His bride. How should that shape the way we think about Christ’s love for His church?
9. Why is it significant that Jesus said, **“I am thirsty,”** and that John tells us this was to fulfill Scripture? The sermon connected this moment to **Psalm 69** and to the promise that those who wait for the Lord will not ultimately be ashamed. How does the cross strengthen your confidence to keep waiting on God?
10. What does **tetelestai** — “It is finished” — tell us about the completeness of Jesus’ saving work? Why is it important that Jesus did not simply make salvation possible, but actually **finished** the work?

11. The sermon connected this to **Colossians 2:13–14** and the image of our debt being canceled. How does that help you when guilt, shame, or spiritual accusation rises up?
12. Pastor Jeremy said, **“Tell Satan, ‘It is finished.’”** What are some lies or accusations you need to answer with that truth this week?
13. How does knowing that Jesus took the sting out of death change the way a Christian can face suffering, fear, and even death itself?

♡ **PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)**

### Practicing Gospel Conversations

One of the natural responses to the truth “It is finished” is to share that good news with others. This week we want to practice a simple tool that helps us clearly explain the gospel to someone else.

Watch this short video together that demonstrates the 3 Circles method of sharing the gospel:  
<https://youtu.be/nSOKry3F3bc>

The **3 Circles** is a simple visual way to explain the gospel story by drawing three circles that show:

1. **God’s Design** – God created the world and our lives to be good and in relationship with Him.
2. **Brokenness** – Sin has broken that design and separated us from God.
3. **The Gospel** – Jesus came to rescue us from our brokenness through His death and resurrection.

After watching the video:

1. Pair up with someone in your group.
2. Each person take a turn **drawing the three circles and explaining the gospel**.
3. Try to keep it simple and conversational, as if you were explaining it to a friend who doesn’t know Jesus.

Download this app: <https://www.namb.net/evangelism/life-on-mission-app/> or search Life on Mission App

### Prayer & Next Step

1. Ask God to bring to mind **one person** who needs to hear the gospel this week.
2. Pray for courage and an opportunity to share the good news with them.
3. Commit to practicing the 3 Circles at least **once this week** in a real conversation.



## Announcements

**Journey to the Cross: Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 pm**

**Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am**

**Easter Services: Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am.**

## Resources for Going Deeper

### **More Videos On 3 Circles:**

<https://youtu.be/5W8ynRMr59k>

<https://vimeo.com/227782208?fl=pl&fe=cm>

### **It is Finished:**

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/finished?utm>