Series: Jesus Said
Passage: John 19:28-30
Sunday: March 24, 2024

John 19:28-30 (ESV)

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

1. What Scriptures are fulfilled by John 19:28-30? Why was fulfilling the Scripture important to Jesus?

2. What was the significance of the sponge being offered to Jesus on a branch of hyssop (verse 29)?

3. Why do you think the New Testament makes such a strong point about Jesus' physical suffering? What difference would it make if Jesus had not actually suffered? What difference would it make if Jesus were only a human being martyred?

4. What did Jesus come to accomplish? What was his “mission”?

5. While the focus of this week will be on the phrase “It is finished,” how do you see these two sayings of Jesus relating to each other? How is willingness to suffer vital to finishing the mission?

6. From Jesus’ words “It is finished,” what do we learn about His purpose? What did he finish?

7. Jesus fully accomplished the work needed to secure our salvation. In what ways do we try to take back responsibility for our own salvation? Is there something that you specifically are trying to do that Jesus has already done?