

## The Seven Sayings from the Cross: It Is Finished

John 19:30

### 1. The Timing of the Saying:

Jesus was crucified at 9am (Mk. 15:25) and the first three sayings occurred most likely between 9am and noon. The three hours of darkness which began at noon (Mt. 27:45; Mk. 15:33; Lk. 23:44) most likely occurred between the third and fourth saying, with the last four occurring just prior to Jesus' death at 3pm.

A. Father Forgive Them (Lk. 23:34)

B. Today you will be with Me in Paradise (Lk. 23:43)

C. Woman, behold your son (Jn. 19:26)

D. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me (Mt. 27:46; Mk. 15:36)

E. I am thirsty (Jn. 19:28)

F. It is finished (Jn. 19:30)

G. Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit (Lk. 23:46)

### 2. The Saying Itself: τετέλεσται (tetelestai)

This word can mean "to complete", "bring to an end", "to accomplish", and "to pay what is due". When Jesus proclaimed this from the cross, it was a declaration that the entirety of His sin-bearing substitutionary work had been fulfilled.

### 3. The Theological Meaning

The Law was a set of commands which the worshiper was to continually perform (cf. Mk. 12:30-34), and any violation of God's commands demanded that a new sacrifice be offered. Jesus' sacrifice was able to accomplish actual forgiveness of all sins, past or future, so that peace with God would be an abiding reality (Hb. 10:3-4, 18; Rom. 5:1).

A. Rom. 3:26

B. Col. 2:13-14

C. 1 Pt. 2:24

D. Hebrews 9:11-28

### 4. The Implications of Remembering the Finished Work of Jesus

While striving to obey the commands of the Lord, the mindful Christian will **only** and **always** come up far short. Our hope is not in our ability to **do** the commands of God, but that Christ has already perfectly **done** the commands of God. Jesus is our sabbath rest from the work necessary to please the Lord (Hb. 4:9-11)