

Jesus says, "It is finished". To add to it will subtract from it.
Any effort on your part at all to make it better will make it worse.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:9,10

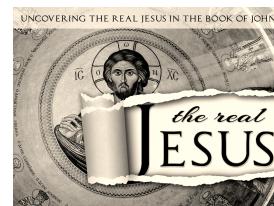
You're more evil than you ever dared believe,
and you're more loved than you ever dared hope.

Tim Keller Author/Pastor

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30,31

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"I'm thirsty"
John 19:28-37

The Death of Jesus

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

Community Group Questions:

1. What areas of Biblical authority have you most struggled with as a follower?
2. Describe the personal impact of seeing Jesus spiritually thirsty for your sin?
3. In what ways are you still struggling with grace by either beating yourself up, or, trying to prove your worth or both?

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
Psalm 22:15

I. The secret of Jesus strength.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said "I am thirsty."
John 19:28

...you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
Acts 10:38

"Put away your sword," ...⁵³ Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?⁵⁴ But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"

Matthew 26:52-54

When the Devil tempts him, he says, *"It is written ..."*

When the Pharisees try to trap him, he says, *"... you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God."*

What is Jesus secret? You stabbed Jesus, he bled Scripture.

Do you understand what this means? There is absolutely no way to follow him to declare him as your Savior without accepting the authority of Scripture.

II. The significance of Jesus telling us He's thirsty.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."
John 19:28

Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.
Mark 15:22,23

Fulfilling scripture:

They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.
Psalm 69:21

"This is how Jesus must do what only he can do. He must come to the place where everyone else is, the place of thirst, shame and death. That, too, is a fulfilment of scripture." Author/Theologian N.T. Wright

The Woman at the Well- John Chapter 4

Those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." John 4:14,15

Jesus tells her to go get her husband. She replies she doesn't have a husband. Jesus then let's her know that he knows about her messed up love life. Which in turn causes her to believe He is the Messiah.

The point:

On the cross, Jesus Christ was getting what the whole human race deserved for all of its evil. Therefore Jesus is experiencing that ultimate soul thirst for himself. No different than the woman at the well was, only far worse.

Jesus deserved God's love but didn't get it on the cross, instead he voluntarily took our punishment.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5

III. What does that mean for us?

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
John 19:30

For Christ died for sins ... the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8