



Last Words

*Week 5: It Is Finished | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 3.31.2024*

Opener

What are the thoughts and feelings you have when you've finished a difficult task or a major project?

Read

John 19:28-30; John 6:38-40; John 10:10; Mark 10:45; Hebrews 10:11-12; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Colossians 2:14, 17; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 12:11

Main Points

1. The entirety of the Christian gospel could be wrapped up in this one word, Tetelestai - it is finished.
2. "Tetelestai" was only used in a few settings, by a few people: servants - when they've finished their task/mission, priest - when the sacrifice was approved, merchant - when a debt was paid would write tetelestai on the receipt, artist - when a painting or sculpture was completed, and by warriors - when their enemy had been defeated.
3. The difference between "I am finished" and "it is finished" is the resurrection!
4. Jesus finished the old system of religion by being our perfect priest and our perfect sacrifice. Because of what he finished on the cross, we no longer need a system, because we have a savior. A savior is better than a system!
5. The cross is the intersection of his justice and mercy.
6. Our testimony is that, because of Jesus' blood, we are forgiven, and because he lives, we are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus.
7. Jesus is the faithful servant who finished his mission because you were worth it.

Engage with God in a Group

- What does it mean, for you personally, that Jesus has the last word - not whatever you experience or face in this world?
- Which aspect of what Jesus accomplished on the cross (servant, priest, merchant, artist, warrior) resonates the most with where you are in life right now?
- What thoughts come to mind when you realize you are worthy of Jesus' love?
- How might God want to encourage someone through you this week with the truth that Jesus isn't finished, but *it* is finished?

Bottom Line

Jesus didn't say "I am finished," he declared, "IT is finished!"