**It is Finished**

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When we look at the cross of Christ, if we only see a man and don’t see God in the flesh hanging there then we can’t possibly understand the full magnitude and majesty of what’s being accomplished.

* Jesus’s provision for his mother
	+ The final act of a son caring for his mother
	+ *ide* – emphasis
	+ Jesus likely chose a disciple because his own brothers did not yet believe
	+ John took her “into his own” – think “adoption”
* “I’m thirsty”
	+ Fulfillment of Psalm 69:21
	+ “and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink”
* Jesus saw, Jesus said, Jesus knew, Jesus bowed, Jesus gave, Jesus was in control
	+ The difference between victim and victor is control
* Not just a man
	+ John emphasizes the deity of Jesus throughout his gospel
	+ We shouldn’t minimize the human suffering of Jesus
	+ But, if we reduce Jesus to just a man, we make him a victim of the cross
		- “Victim Jesus” can’t carry away the sin of the world
		- Only the Lamb of God (Victor Jesus) can carry away the sin of the world
* It wasn’t the nails
* It is finished
	+ *tetelestai* – finished, complete, accomplished
* Stop trying to finish work that’s already complete (Ephesians 2:8-9)
	+ Jesus finished all work required for our salvation
	+ Our only contribution to salvation is faith
* Created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10)
	+ Are there people around you who don’t know Jesus?
	+ Are there people around you who have unmet needs?
	+ Are there people around you who haven’t experienced the unconditional love and acceptance of a gracious God?
* We’re not finished