**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