

OVERVIEW BRIEF



- That the Scripture Might Be Fulfilled
- A Closing Consolation
- A Triumphant Decree

It is unquestionably true that the eternal work of spiritual redemption was fully completed by the Suffering Savior on the Cross of Calvary before the astonishing spectacle rapidly hastened to its ultimate closure.

This eternal surety was loudly, personally and powerfully declared by the Lord Jesus when He thunderously uttered the victoriously divine decree in **verse 19:30b**, “It is finished!”

We should fully note here that Christ was yet in full command of all that was happening to Him.

There was no sense of debilitating helplessness and fearful resignation exhibited by the Son of God. But, on the contrary as **Hebrews 12:2b** amply described, “...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame...”

Despite the gross and often blasphemous mischaracterizations shown in the humanly scripted cinema and television presentations made to theatrically dramatize the Crucifixion of Christ, we must always refer to the record of Holy Scripture to obtain the true facts about this enormously important matter.

Too, we must always keep in mind that the Lord Jesus personally and explicitly affirmed in **John 10:18**, “No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”

Most assuredly, Christ triumphantly finished the critically important work of redemption that He was charged to accomplished then moved on into the next phase of the matter at hand, namely, His Glorious Resurrection.



SOURCE TEXT: John 19:28-30; Matthew 27:50-51, 54 (KJV)

JOHN 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

MATTHEW 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

FROM THE OLD INTO THE NEW

In the aftermath of Christ's triumphant proclamation (“It is finished!”), **Matthew 27:50** reported the traumatic event of the rending of the Temple Veil “from the top to the bottom,” signifying divine confirmation of the approval of the Son's sacrifice for our (humanity's) sin. debt; thereby gaining for us forgiveness and access: “By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.” (**Heb. 10:20**)