



JESUS WINS

SERMON DISCUSSION NOTES FROM 3/29/20

SERMON SUMMARY

When Jesus said, “It is finished,” the enemies of the gospel may have interpreted it as, “There’s nothing more I can do. It’s over.” But Jesus was actually saying, “There’s nothing more I need to do. Mission accomplished—I won.” In this week’s sermon Pastor Brett explained how Jesus has accomplished what he set out to do in coming to earth, covering the eternal cost of our sin before God, and gaining victory over sin’s consequences. The three words, “It is finished,” remind us that our salvation is not dependent on what we do or don’t do, but on what Jesus has done. Let’s look more deeply at three things Pastor Brett shared that Jesus accomplished on the cross.

Key Scriptures: John 19:28-30; John 17:4; Galatians 6:9; Matthew 5:17; Hebrews 10:10

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. When Jesus said “It is finished,” he was telling us that his work on earth was done. The work of preaching the coming kingdom, living a life of perfect righteousness, and offering himself as an appropriate sacrifice on behalf of humanity was complete.

In what ways was Jesus’ experience as a human similar to ours?

In what way(s) was Jesus’ experience as a human different from ours? (Hebrews 4:15)

How does Jesus’ sinless human life qualify him uniquely to be our Savior? (Hebrews 5:1-3)

2. Through this powerful statement, Jesus was communicating that the work of redemption had been accomplished—he had made it possible for man’s relationship with God to be restored because the cost of man’s sin had been covered.

What did sin cost you? (Romans 6:23)

What did sin cost Jesus? (Philippians 5:7-8)

What should be your response when you think that Jesus took your sin to restore your relationship with your heavenly Father?

3. Through Jesus’ death and subsequent resurrection, the power of death as a consequence of sin was defeated. Jesus was submitting to death on behalf of sinners; but in his victorious resurrection, he made resurrection to new life possible for all who believe in him.

How did Jesus’ resurrection show his power over sin—it’s cost and its consequences?

As you experience pain and struggle in this life, how does the promise of resurrection bring you encouragement?

Why did Jesus do all of this for us? (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)

As you think through the death of Jesus, his mission on earth and his work on the cross, how does his love for you affect you?

How can God’s people, the church, share and demonstrate this kind of love to those who don’t know him?

