

SERMON OUTLINE John 19:28-30

It Is Finished

FOUR INTERPRETIVE QUESTIONS AND THE CROSS

What Was the Author's Original Intent?

How Does this Passage Fit in the Larger Story of the Book it's in?

How Does this Passage Fit in the Larger Story of the Whole Bible?

How Does this Passage Apply to the Church Today?

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY AND THE CROSS

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Restoration

JOHN 19:28-30 AND THE CROSS

The Fulfillment of Scripture

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In all of that we'll see that the big idea of this passage is that Jesus died to accomplish the centerpiece of God's plan of redemption. And the main takeaway is to be amazed by the magnitude of the sovereign grace of God such that obedience and worship flow with increasing freeness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Had you ever heard of the four interpretive questions before Pastor Dave's sermon? Can you see why it's important to be able to answer them when you study a passage of Scripture? Do you feel equipped to answer them yourself?
3. Have you ever experienced the challenges that come with forgetting to answer one of the questions or in getting one wrong?
4. Have you ever experienced the frustration of a long, difficult conversation that started with someone misinterpreting you?
5. What has been your experience with biblical theology up to this point? Had you ever considered the whole story of the Bible? If so, how would you explain it to a curious 10 year old?
6. Are you generally more drawn to study the diversity or unity of the Bible? Why do you think we need both? Have you ever felt like someone's explanation of a biblical passage was the result of unity swallowing diversity or diversity swallowing unity?
7. What do you make of the fact that Jesus said "It is finished" while He was still alive? Had you considered that before?
8. In His suffering and death, Jesus fulfilled many prophecies. Are any of them especially encouraging to your faith?
9. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Read the rest of John, chapters 19-21 to prepare yourself for the rest of our time in the Gospel.
11. Take some time this week to learn how to better answer the four interpretive questions. Share what you find at DG.
12. Take some time this week to try to work out the big story of the Bible on your own. Share what you find at DG.
13. Share the big story of the Bible with someone who doesn't already know it this week.
14. Create a playlist of songs that work their way through the big story of the Bible.
15. Try to artistically depict the big story of the Bible, highlighting the crucifixion in some way.
16. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
17. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God being a perfect promise keeper. Praise God for authoring the greatest story ever. Praise God for being the redeemer and restorer. Praise God that He is just and justifier. Praise God that He is the beginning and the end.
19. Confess. Confess any ways you have been lazy in your attempt to rightly understand and apply the Bible. Confess any ways you've been afraid or apathetic in your attempts to rightly share the good news of our crucified King.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God that He finished, and always finishes, the good work that He began—in the salvation of mankind and in you personally. Thank God for a church that works hard to help you read and live out God's word as God means us to.
21. Supplication. Ask God to help us simultaneously grow in our understanding and application of His Word. Ask God to help us live more fully in light of the cross. Ask God to help us live out our faith no matter the cost. Ask God to help us love one another with the same kind of love that He has for us.