

## Greatest Words Ever Spoken

Reading: Heb. 10:8-12

Text: John 19:28-30

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#### Introduction:

A. You have heard that "the pen is mightier than the sword"

1. This is, of course making reference to the printed word.
2. There have been some pretty powerful words spoken by some pretty powerful people throughout the ages.

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a. For example: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself" - Franklin Roosevelt.

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b. "Ask not what your country can do for you ask what you can do for your country"  
- John F. Kennedy.

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c. Who said, "I have a Dream" - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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3. There have also been some powerful words spoken that may not have been as popular.

a. For example: Will Rogers once said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

b. Canadian hockey player and coach, Wayne Gretzky, once said, "You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take."

c. Motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar, said, "People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does taking a bath – that's why we recommend it daily. —

4. These are all pretty good words, some of which give great advice.

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B. But **the greatest words ever spoken** were by our Savior as He was crucified: Let's read them together. They are found in **John 19:28-30**. <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

1. As those who followed Jesus looked up at Jesus on the cross and heard those words, The thoughts that probably ran through their minds were thoughts of utter failure and supreme loss and hopelessness.

2. The disciples had thought that Jesus would be the One to lead them from Roman oppression.
  3. The disciples did not know it at the time but these frail words of Jesus were actually words of **victory**, and words of **accomplishment!**
- C. When Jesus died on the cross, that day, **Three Great Matters of mankind** were forever settled.
1. Or our lesson this morning, I want us to take a look at them.

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### I. The Pain Of Redemption Was Finished:

- A. When Jesus came to the earth, He knew exactly what He was getting into.

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1. He had told His disciples in **Matthew 16:21** ... that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

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2. He knew there would be great suffering.
  - a. We read of this in **Matt. 27:26**. then [Pilate] released Barabbas to them; and when he had **scourged** Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

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- b. The Scourge was an instrument used for inflicting pain.
- c. Jesus was scourged with a Cat-O-Nine-Tails whip as seen here on the screen.

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- c. Now, in case you can't see this well, let me zoom in where you can see what is on the ends of these cords - metal balls with spikes or jagged edges.
  - 1) Some Cat-O-Nine-Tail whips had pieces of broken glass on the ends.
- d. Can you imagine something like this tearing into human flesh?

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3. Look at Luke's account of this in **Luke 22:63-65**, <sup>63</sup> Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. <sup>64</sup> They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup> And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

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C. Then, of course, the crucifixion itself.

1. The intent this method of execution was absolute agony and anguish for as long as possible.
2. This type of death was intended to bring Humiliation.

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- a. Paul tells us in **2 Cor. 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin** for us, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

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D. Why did Jesus endure all of this?

1. Peter gives us the is answer in **1 Peter 2:24** - who Himself **bore our sins** in His own body on the tree, **that we**, having died to sins, might **live for righteousness**— by whose stripes **you were healed.**

E. So, when Jesus said "it is finished" the pain of redemption was finished.

**SLIDE 17****II. The Punishment Of Redemption Was Finished:**

A. When Jesus "It is finished" it meant He had satisfied the need of God to punish our sins.

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1. John called it "the **propitiation** for our sins." **1 John 2:1-2** - my little children, these things i write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He himself is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

B. The question has been asked - "Why does God hate us so much that He made Hell in the first place?"

1. First of all, God did not make hell for us.
  - a. The truth is: **everlasting fire** was prepared for the Devil and his angels. We read this in **Matthew 25:41**
  - b. Man put himself on the pathway to hell through sin.
  - c. Only those who disobey, dishonor, or disrespect God will go there.

C. The fact is: God does not hate us. He loves us. He has shown that love time and time again.

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1. Look At the scriptures:

- a. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **John 3:16**;

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- b. Listen to Paul in **Romans 5:8-9** - <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

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- 2. Now, it is true that ... the wages of sin is **death**... as Paul stated in **Romans 6:23**.
- 3. However, there is a 2nd half to that verse.
  - a. It is the result of what Jesus did: **Romans 6:23** ... **but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- 4. Eternal life is the end result of God's plan.

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Which brings us to the third thing that happened when Jesus said, "It is finished..." "

### III. The Plan Of Redemption Was Finished:

A. Without the **resurrection**, Jesus was no different than any other dead man.

- 1. Now, we have several incidents of people being raised from the dead.
  - a. The first we have record of is the widow's son raised from the dead by Elijah in **1 Kings 17:22**
  - b. Several performed this miracle of God through the Bible.
    - 1) Elisha,
    - 2) the dead man who touched the bones of Elisha who came back to life,
    - 3) Peter,
    - 4) Paul,
    - 5) Jesus did it several times.
  - c. But, here's the thing, they all died again.

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2. Jesus died, came back to life to never die again.

- a. Paul in **Romans 5:10** - For if when we were enemies we were **reconciled to God through the death** of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be **saved** by His **life**.

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B. His **death** cleansed us from our sins.

1. **Rev. 1:5** - to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

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C. His **death** cleansed us from our sins and His **resurrection** gave us life and immortality!

1. Listen to **Hebrews 7:25** - Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

D. Remember the Tree of Life and The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?

1. Remember back in the day of Adam and Eve.
2. Remember how they disobeyed God.
3. Remember how they were sent from the Garden of Eden.
4. Do you remember why He did that? So, they could not "eat from the tree of life and live forever." **Gen. 3:22**
5. Why would God NOT want Adam and Eve to live forever?
  - a. God did not want them to live forever separated from Him.
  - b. This story is so amazing.
6. God gave them animal skins. Where did the animal skins come from? Animals obviously. Animals died
  - a. Adam & Eve had eaten from the tree of K/G&E, but they did not die.
  - b. However, something died that day.
7. From that time on, we read of animals being sacrificed regularly. Why? It was a constant **reminder** of sin.

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- a. **Heb. 10:3** - But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

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- b. But, read the next verse - For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

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8. But when Jesus died on the tree, He **did** take away the sins:

- a. **Hebrews 10:14** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

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Conc.

It - is - finished.

A. Jesus did what He came to do.

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1. He died - He finished the pain of redemption

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2. He was buried - He finished the punishment of redemption

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3. He was resurrected - He finished the plan of redemption.

B. He made it possible for you and I to be redeemed.

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C. Have you been redeemed?

1. Have you been washed in the blood of the lamb.

- a. You can today if you have faith
- b. You can today if you are willing to repent of your sins
- c. You can today if you will confess Jesus as God's Son.
- d. You can today if you will be baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.

D. If you have left God, you can come back to Him and be washed in the blood again, if you will repent and pray.

E. Jesus has done His part. His part is finished. Now it is up to you.

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