New Testament Church
The Book of John #37 – John 19:23-42 – It Is Finished!
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I The Gospel of John - Why expository preaching and why the Book of John at this time?
- A. Expository preaching brings depth, continuity and helps a congregation study together
- B. John, author of John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation was a disciple of John the Baptist
- C. The seven ***signs*** that indicate critical aspects of Deity of Christ in the book of John
  1. **1st – water into wine** (Jn 2) – **New Life**; **2nd – healing Nobleman's son** (Jn 4)**- Faith in Word**
  2. **3rd – healing cripple** (Jn 5) – **Undeserving Grace; 4th – feeding 5,000** (Jn 6) – **Bread of Life**
  3. **5th – walking on water** (Jn 6) – **Transcendance**; **6th – healing man born blind** (Jn 9) - **Sight**
  4. The **seventh SIGN** of raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11) – **Resurrection Life**
- D. The seven **I AM** statements by Jesus – declaring who He is…
  1-2. In John 6 and 8 - **I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World**
  3-4. In John 10 – **I am the Door** and **I am the Good Shepherd**
  5-6. In John 11 and 14 – **I am the Resurrection and Life; I am the Way, Truth and Life**
  7. John 15 – **I am the true Vine and my Father is the Husbandman**

II John 19:23-42 – It is Finished! (*telelestai* – complete, discharge a debt, conclude, finish, consumation)
- A. v. 23-30 – **"It is Finished"** – substitution for us, satisfaction of the debt, and reconciliation to God
  1. v. 23-24 – Soldiers divide Jesus' clothing, and the seamless garment – Psalm 22:18 fulfilled
     a. The clothing, including sandals, were four parts – probably given to each soldier
     b. Seamless garment - they cast lots – prophetic – **the clothing of Christ covers all things**
  2. v. 24-30 – The last words of Christ on the Cross – darkness covered the earth from noon to 3..
     a. "Father **forgive** them" – drop the charges, they know not what they do (Lk. 23:24)
     b. "**Today** thou shalt be with me in **Paradise**" – the repentant criminal (Lk. 23:43)
     c. "Woman, behold thy Son… **behold thy mother**" – to the **family** (Jn. 19:26-27)
     d. "Why hast thou **forsaken Me**?" – (Mt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34) – from Psalm 22:1
     e. "I **thirst**" – (Jn. 19:28) – He needed the physical ability to shout victory
     f. "**It is finished**" – (Jn. 19:30) – substitution, satisfaction, reconciliation – "paid in full"
     g. "Father, **into thy hands** I commend my spirit" – (Lk. 23:46)
- B. The **Victory of the Cross** – **It is Finished!** – *tetelestai* – the shout of triumph from Christ!
  1. Jesus "died with a great shout on his lips" – a "loud voice" - Mt. 27:50; Mk. 15:37; Lk. 23:46
     a. Subtitutionary atonement confirmed when the veil was rent from to to bottom (Mt. 27:51)
     b. Satisfaction for the debt of sin confirmed by the earthquake (Mt. 27:51)
     c. Reconciliation to God confirmed by the soldiers – "this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54)
  2. An historic advance of God's Kingdom on earth – the resurrection was the consequence
     a. The power of sin and death was broken – and the rest would come in time
     b. It was a new beginning for humanity and the individual – a "new creation" for all nations
     c. We emphasize the importance of the First Coming and refer to the Second as inevitable!
- C. v. 31-42 – The Death and Burial of Jesus – **evidence of His divnity and humanity**
  1. Some wouild last three days dying on a cross – it was reserved for criminals and slaves…
  2. The Jews did not permit a body to remain for the Sabbath – legs broken for a 6 PM deadline…
  3. The Jewish leaders wanted vengeance against Jesus – break their bones – but He already died
  4. v. 35-37 - no bones broken (Ps. 34:20); pierced (Ps. 22:16; Zech. 12:10) – blood and water
     a. An affirmation of Christ's humanity and divinty is given here by John
     b. John also verifies that Jesus really died – refuting arising philosophies…
  5. v. 38-42 – the burial of Jesus by two secret disciples – ***we should respect secret followers***
     a. Joseph was wealthy, and had an empty tomb nearby, where no one had been laid
     b. Nicodemus brought myrrh and aloes, a hundred pounds (far exceeding what was needed)