Love Found A Way


Sermon Outline

A. He Never Gave Up (John 19:28-30):
1. **Jesus knowing** – Christ had a full knowledge and complete understanding, based on all He knows needed to be fulfilled in scripture, that this is the moment that He must commend His Spirit into God’s presence.
2. **Had already** – Already here explains that Christ was following a prescribed time line orchestrated by God.
3. **Accomplished** – God had fulfilled His will, perfectly completely all He had planned as outlined in His Word so that everything had reached its prescribed goal.
4. **Already been accomplished** – He though Christ wanted the cup to be removed He never gave up.
5. **Already been accomplished** – Christ who has all power restrained anyone.
6. **To fulfill** – All of scripture that was prophesied for this moment was completely revealed.
7. **Scripture** – All of God’s Word that was prophetically provided, through His prophets was authoritatively and totally executed.
8. **To fulfill the scriptures** – Christ fully surrendered to all that God commanded Him to do.
9. **To fulfill the scriptures** – No matter the brutality, the pain, the rebuke of the people He remained committed to the Father’s will.
10. **To fulfill the scriptures** – No matter how humiliating the process was He completed all the scriptures.
11. ‘I am thirsty’ – Christ acknowledged His humanity.
   a) In either case, John mentions hyssop because of its significance in the Passover (Ex 12:22), fitting the symbolism of John 19 as a whole. “Sour wine,” consisting of wine vinegar mixed with water, was often used by soldiers to quench their thirst.\[1\]
12. ‘I am thirsty’ – He did not take anything for the pain but He took water for the journey.
   a) The wording in John 19:28 indicated that Jesus was fully conscious and was aware of fulfilling the details of prophecies (Psalm 42:1–2; 63:1). The paradox of the One who is the Water of life (John 4:14; 7:38–39) dying in thirst is striking. Giving Him wine vinegar, a sour wine, fulfilled Psalm 69:21.\[2\]
13. ‘I am thirsty’ – The pain of the brutality was experienced like any other person.
B. He Sacrificed His All (Luke 23:46):

1. **Receive the sour wine** – Jesus in obedience to scripture; drank the wine.

2. **He said** – Jesus spoke so everyone that is near the cross can understand Him.

3. ‘**It is finished**’ – Christ says once and for all that what He purposed to complete in fulfillment of scripture was perfectly meaning comprehensively accomplished.
   
   a) When He said, “It is finished” (not “I am finished”), He meant His redemptive work was completed. He had been made sin for people (2 Cor. 5:21) and had suffered the penalty of God’s justice which sin deserved. Even in the moment of His death, Jesus remained the One who gave up His life (cf. John 10:11, 14, 17–18).[3]

4. ‘**It is finished**’ – Satan is defeated – Victory is won!!!

5. **Loud voice** – Christ spoke very loud ensuring no one could ever think they killed Him.

6. **Jesus cried with a loud voice** – Christ purposefully cried out with a clear and very loud voice. His voice was at its highest pitch and was very intense.

7. **Said** – Christ once and for all spoke directly to God as though He did not need access or permission to speak.

8. **Father** – Unlike when Christ said, “My God, my God why has thou forsaken me,’ He now says Father, just like in the case of asking for His Father to forgive those nailing Him to the cross.

9. **Father** – Christ commends His Spirit to the One who is the author and instrument of our spiritual birth.

10. **Father** – God is the Father of His ‘only begotten Son’ who is the first born of a new creation (Colossians 1:15).

11. **Father** – No God (Matthew 27:46), but Father – His love for God’s love for us.

12. **Into your hands** - Christ submitted Himself under His Father’s authority who was powerfully and was totally in control of all that was taking place (Philippians 1:6-11).

13. **Into your hands** – Hands - Christ surrendered His life to God’s power and authority.

14. **Into your hands** – Hands – It is now up to God to deliver man from death.

15. **Commit** – Christ entrusted Himself into His Father’s care completely resting in His power and authority. Christ goes from an unsafe, cruel, brutal environment to the loving perfect care of His Father. He goes from brutal soldiers, leaders who hated Him to His Father as the first born of new creation.

16. **Commit** – Christ modeled for us how death is after the price of sin was paid.

   a) I commend my spirit. He dismissed His spirit to the Father. His death was conscious and voluntary. 47. The centurion. See comment on 7:2. This man, a Gentile, accustomed to seeing all kinds and conditions of
men, confessed that Jesus was a righteous man. 

b) Into your hands I commit my spirit. Compare Ps 31:5; Acts 7:59; cf. 1 Peter 4:19. Jesus, knowing that He had completed His departure/exodus (Luke 9:31), committed His spirit, i.e., His life, into His Father’s hands in order to enter into His glory (24:26). In so doing Jesus is a model for His followers (cf. Acts 7:59).

17. Commit – Christ sacrifice His all by fully entrusting Himself to the Father.
18. Commit His Spirit – Christ committed His Spirit – 3 days is the first resurrection (Colossians 1:15).
19. Commit His Spirit – Victory over death does not just remove the power of sin but the wages of sin.
20. My Spirit – The object of Christ delivering Himself to the Father is to provide a divine Spirit to a divine Spirit. Two Spirit beings in full connection with each other.
21. My Spirit – Christ gave His Spirit to God from a body that was totally abused. No matter what they did to His body they had no control over His Spirit.
22. Bow His head – Christ bowing of His head is significant in the sense that He controlled it going into a position of rest. He did not die like everyone else whose head involuntarily drops. Christ placed His head in fulfillment of what He said in John that He lay His life down to pick it up again (John 10:17-18).
23. Bow His head – Christ, by bowing His head demonstrated He is in control of His death.
24. Bow His head – Christ, by bowing His head demonstrates reverence for God’s agenda.
25. Gave up - Christ once and for all, because everything had now been fulfilled, delivered Himself to the Father. Again, Christ is in total control of His Spirit and is the one handing it over to God whose will He is fulfilling.
26. No matter what they did that could have killed Him or caused Him to beg for mercy (let this cup pass), He never gave up. No matter if the battle of darkness lasted three hours, after three hours of already being on the cross, He never gave up. He stayed the course because God so loved the world.
27. He breathed His last – Christ remaining in controlled decided when He would breathe His last.

a) Breaking the legs (19:32) was intended to bring death by preventing the victim from using the legs to raise himself up in order to breath. Victims often surged and plunged on the cross for amazingly long periods before dying of respiratory failure. However, Jesus had died early. Even the time of His death honored God and fulfilled His word (19:36). Joseph was from Arimathea, a town of uncertain location (19:38). Nicodemus’s (19:39) visit with Jesus was recorded in 3:1–15. Matthew also recorded that the tomb belonged to Joseph of Arimathea (Matt. 27:57–60).

28. He breathed His last – To breathe His last is Christ final act before releasing Himself into God’s control.
a) "For this reason, the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father." (John 10:17,18)

29. Breathed His last – It was always His decision as to whether or not He gave His all for man.
30. Breathed His last – Christ love for His Father became God’s love for us.