

# His Glory Shown & The Victory Won

## Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel

### John's Gospel Study - John 19:25-30

Sunday – March 11th 2012

**Context:** The incredible ordeal of the cross is nearing its end. The Lord Jesus continues to fulfill the prophecies concerning the Messiah from the Old Testament, and to demonstrate His glory in the dichotomy of being under condemnation, reproach, and shame.

The “therefore” of verse 25 connects the narrative of John back to verses 23-24 where the soldiers have ruthlessly with incredible hardness been dividing and gambling for the garments of our Lord. The “therefore” makes a connection presenting a contrast between the vile hardness of the soldiers, and the glorious compassion and love of the Savior. Our Lord is coming near to the end of His hours on the cross enduring the incomprehensible physical torture, the shame, and the wrath of God. Instead of reflecting the agony of the cross, or being self-focused, angry, or bitter, He is yet able as a man to show perfect compassion for His mother.

Verse 28 introduces the final act by demonstrating the physical reality of that which He endured. We can make no mistake that the depth of suffering was real. Christ expresses His thirst. This is ultimately a fulfillment of Scripture (verse 28) regarding His horrid death reflecting the absolute dehydration and blood loss of the body. This shows remarkably what Christ had become in comparison to who He is really. He is the water of life (John 4:14; 7:38; Rev 22:1), the source of all true refreshment, and yet here He is shown as so desperate before the final curtain that He receives something so humanly insignificant as a little bitter wine on a sponge.

Now the ordeal of the cross comes to an end with the great victory statement: “it is finished” (verse 30). This wonderful concise phrase from the cross bears witness to the purposeful work of which He willingly engaged. As Hebrews 12:2 proclaims that all eyes should be fixed on Him for He had joy set before Him so that He “endured the cross, despising the shame.” This statement of finish is the greatest victory statement ever proclaimed. It has far reaching ramifications that affect the course of all human history, and for those who have faith in Him the victory over sin, death, and Satan. Christ is shown in victory as the One yet in charge of even His death as it states He “gave up His spirit.” No one took it from Him, but He was in control and willingly died a real death at the end.

#### **Broad outline of the Gospel of John (underlined is the immediate context).**

VIII. The Personal Ministry of Christ to His own (13:1-17:26)

IX. The Passion of Christ (18:1-19:30)

- A. The Commitment to be sacrificed (18:1-19:15)
  - 5. Scheming fails Pilate and he compromises justice (18:33-19:15)
    - c. Shameful surrender of Pilate (19:13-15)
- B. The Crucifixion of Christ (19:16-30)
  - 1. Sacrifice (19:17-18)
  - 2. Superscription (19:19-22)
  - 3. Shame (19:23-24)

#### **Key Words (19: 25-30)**

- Jesus (4 times)
- mother (4 times)
- behold (2 times)
- accomplished
- finished

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Supernatural compassion (19:25-27) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Substantiating thirst (19:28-29) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Supreme victory (19:30) \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusions & lessons: \_\_\_\_\_