

1. This is a cry of triumph. He had won the victory. He had reached the end of his cruel pathway.
2. IT IS FINISHED
 1. This was not the cry of a helpless martyr...but an expression of satisfaction that the termination of His suffering was now reached.
 2. This was not the last gasp of a worn-out life...It was His declaration that all He came to earth to do was now done.
3. WHAT HAD BEEN FINISHED? All prophecies concerning him had been fulfilled. Examples:
 1. He should be born of a virgin. Isa. 7:14-Matt. 1:18
 2. He should be the seed of Abraham. Gen 22:18-Matt. 1:1
 3. He should be of David. 2 Sam. 7:12,13-Rom. 1:3
 4. He should be named before born. Isa. 49:1-Luke 1:30
Matt. 1:23
4. WHAT HAD BEEN FINISHED? All the work which thou gavest me to do. John 17:4 - 15:8
 1. "I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work thou gavest me to do." THINGS INVOLVED:
 - 1a. His Teaching...Jesus the Master teacher.
 - 2b. His miracles.
 - 3c. His obedience. John 4:34 *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me. and to finish his work*
 - 4d. His sufferings unto death. Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10
Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8
5. COMPARE: Paul's words on the verge of martyrdom, in the midst of the horrors of the Neronian persecution: 2 Timothy 4:6,7
 1. "I have fought a good fight."
 - 1a. Paul in the evening hour of life. Because its rays pierced the storm clouds about him the sun set of life was more magnificent.
 2. "I have finished my course." a definite, marked, *1 Cor. 9:24; Heb. 12:1-3* fixed course.
 - 1a. It has been a long race, a wearying race, yet a glorious race...a happy ending.
 3. "I have kept the faith." Through his long eventful course, conflicts, dangers
6. I HAVE FINISHED THE WORK.
 1. A rebuke to all desultory views of life. *Rev. 22:18,19*
 2. Sinful and foolish for man to add to a finished W.

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