



*How Deep The Father's Love For Us*  
*Day 4: Verse 2 (partial)*

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

*Scripture Reference*

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- *John 19:30*



“It is finished.” In His own words, Jesus declared He had accomplished that which His Father had sent Him to do. Although the world did not know it, Jesus had offered Himself as the perfect, ultimate sacrifice for our sins. He ended the need to practice a sacrificial system. We no longer have to provide offerings and sacrifices – He is our sacrifice.

*What does it mean in your life that you do not have to provide offerings or sacrifices for your sin? How do you live in the confidence of Jesus as your sacrifice? How do you show your appreciation or adoration to Jesus for what He has done in your life?*

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Let’s back up just a smidge yet again. Back when Jesus was being mocked on the cross, Luke tells us Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Oh, what a precious love Jesus has, that He would make intercessions for His transgressors as Isaiah says. Amid terrible suffering, Jesus loved even those who put Him on the cross. How often are we just like those mockers, Romans, or Jews? How often do we not fully comprehend the gravity of our sin? Jesus intercedes today for us: for our sins and our lack of understanding.

*Have there been times when the Holy Spirit has interceded on your behalf and asked for forgiveness? Maybe you recognized it at the time or maybe you only see it now in the hindsight. Speak to your Heavenly Father about those moments and ask for continual wisdom.*

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John tells us that Jesus “gave up his spirit”. He **gave** it. It was not taken from Him. He had the power to save Himself, but instead He **chose** to submit to the will of His Father. He surrendered His life. In Jesus’ own description of His life in John 10:18: “No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.” It was our sin that held him there, and yet, in His dying breath, He **gave** us life.

*How have you viewed the cross in your life? Is it Jesus giving His life for you or Jesus’ life being taken from Him? What is the difference to you? How is your life a reflection of the gift Jesus has given you?*

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It’s important for us to remember that the cross - the crucifixion – that was God’s plan all along. From the beginning of time, history had been working its way to the cross. It wasn’t a surprise to God or Jesus. God’s true love for us – He created us, knowing we would fall short of His glory, and He would have to give His Son to give us eternal life. What a love that He has for each of us. To choose us – warts, sins, and all – so that He could delight in and unconditionally love us for all of eternity. Wouldn’t it have been easier for Him to just decide in the beginning that it wasn’t worth it? Oh, how precious it will be to fall at the feet of our Creator knowing how profoundly loved we are by Him. A love pursuit for each of us.

*What does it mean to you that the cross was always part of the plan? How does that shape your life? As we wrap up our focus on the actual crucifixion, what do you feel the Holy Spirit has been trying to speak into you over the past several days. Let His insight speak to you.*

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