

Last Words reveal what a person really cares about.

Jesus last words:

"28Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. 30When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (John 19:28-30)

It is Finished in greek is one word Te-tel-les-ty

Many uses

- the work is done.
- Part of worship the sacrifice is *complete*
- a <u>legal</u> term
- an <u>accounting</u> term

The Cross communicates 3 very important things to humanity.

- 1) At the cross Jesus was *Clarifying*.
 - The question. How to experience real meaning in life?

- Every other philosophy and religion's answer is <u>do</u>.
 Jesus' answer is <u>done</u>.
- 2) The cross is Jesus' *commitment* to you.
 - The Bible is not a list of <u>requirements</u>. It is a list of <u>results</u>.

"God calls things that are not as though they were." (Rom 4:17)

"He speaks the end from the beginning." (Is. 46:10)

"He is committed to you. Being confident of this that He who began a good work in you will see it through to completion." (Phil 1:6)

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." (Heb. 12:2)

- 3. The cross is Jesus *calling* to us.
 - It is *finished*, but you have to *start*