

## It Is Finished!

Grammatically, Jesus' statement, "It is finished!" is a passive verb form. Such a form wants to know what is "it" and what is "finished." God knows everything, so it was not a grammatical error for the Holy Spirit to write Jesus' statement as we read it. As believers or nonbelievers who are curious, we are to search for the actions that render "It is finished!" into an active verb form. (John 19:30, NKJV)

Adam disobeyed God's instruction not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and brought an inherited sin to all humanity. (Genesis 3:17-19) Two thousand years later, Abraham followed God's instructions and received righteousness. (Genesis 15:6) Abraham's seed procreated for two thousand years until Mary was born. Gabriel, an angel, told Mary she would bring forth a son whose name would be Jesus. (Luke 1:26-31) The Holy Spirit brought a body of flesh into Mary without using human seed. The incarnate God came forth in that sinless human flesh. Thirty-three years later, Jesus took all inherited sin into his sinless body on the cross and God punished that sin. When the punishment ended. Jesus proclaimed, "It is finished!" and committed his spirit to God, his father.

Beloved, God's plan for the redemption of humanity required four thousand thirty-three years. Along the way, some people allowed God to work through them. Only by their willingness could Jesus come. God finished all His work. Now, each person must accept His finished work in Jesus. May you do so today. Shalom!!

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