

The 5th Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, March 13, 2016

“Famous Last Words ~ The Word of Humanity”

John 4:1-15

“After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.” (Jn 19:28)

No other statement so forcefully expresses Jesus’ _____.

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4 IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT JESUS

#1. “I am thirsty,” tells us that Jesus put God’s _____.

“After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished...” (John 19:28)

“And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.” (Mark 15:23)

It wasn’t water the soldiers offered Jesus, but a mixture of _____ and _____.

Myrrh was a spice that was commonly used in _____ in the first century, as a _____ to ease a dying person’s _____.

Jesus refused it because He wanted to experience the full _____ of the pain and suffering of carrying the sins of the whole world

He was going to do this with a clear _____ and full _____.

“After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished...” (Jn 19:28 KJV)

“Jesus knew that his mission was now finished...” (John 19:28 NLT)

He knew that everything that God had purposed and planned to happen that day had been _____. He knew that His _____ was complete. He knew that the payment for our _____ had been made—once and for all—that there was nothing left _____.

Doing the will of His Heavenly Father—was the most _____ thing in Jesus’ life.

“I have a kind of food you know nothing about...My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.” (John 4:32-34)

It was only after He’d attended to His Father’s _____—it was only after He’d taken care of everything and everyone else—that Jesus turned His attention to His own _____.

“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

#2. “I thirst,” tells us that Jesus was the promised _____ who fulfills _____.

“After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture)...” (John 19:28)

There are _____ prophecies in the Old Testament, written hundreds of years before Jesus, about the Messiah.

“My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth...” (Psalm 22:15)

“They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.” (Psalm 69:21)

The fact that Jesus fulfilled these prophecies should give us _____ that Jesus was no doubt who He said He was.

“But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.” (Jn 20:31)

#3. “I thirst,” attests to Jesus’ _____.
Christian faith holds that Jesus was fully _____ and fully _____.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we see His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1-14)

“Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” (Phil 2:5-8)

As the second person of the Trinity, Jesus lived in a _____ body of flesh and blood just like we do; with all the _____, wants, needs that we have.

Gnostics believed that _____ was good and _____ was evil.

They believed that Jesus's suffering and death was only an _____.

This heresy is known as _____. **docet** =

WHY JESUS HAD TO BE FULLY HUMAN

- Only a human being could _____ other human beings.
“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” (Galatians 4:4-5)

- God established the necessity of the shedding of _____ for the remission of sins.
“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.” (Hebrews 9:22)

- The humanity of Jesus enables Him to _____ to us.
“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin” (Hebrews 4:15)

“Jesus was made a little lower than the angels, but we see him crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death. Through God's grace he died on behalf of everyone.” (Hebrews 2:9)

#4. “I thirst,” attests to Jesus’ _____.

The unseen truth is that on the mount of crucifixion, _____ did thirst.

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.” (Colossians 1:15-16)

“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” (John 4:10)

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” (John 4:13-14)

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.

As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38)

Jesus' words were intense because He knew the intensity of the people's _____—they needed water, not for their bodies, but for their _____.

Jesus is our _____—our spiritual drink.

“As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God.” (Psalm 42:1)

“My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.” (Jeremiah 2:13)

Instead of turning to these things—instead of trying to dig our own wells, or drinking dirty water—we need to turn to _____.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)

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“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.” (Psalm 63:1)

Can you relate? Are you thirsty?

“Listen! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.” (Isaiah 55:1-3)

“For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” (Psalm 107:9)

“They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:16-17)

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.” (Revelation 22:17)