My Mission Is Accomplished

(John 19:30 KJV)

*When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

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here are three words in our English language that, when spoken as one, can signify either the sincere joy and satisfaction or the deepest sorrow and misery. These words are: “It is finished.” When they are used by graduating seniors or marathon runners finishing out their last term; you know it's a sign of joy and relief. When they are used by a senior who has failed his final exam or by a fireman who has run out of water, or by a Miami Heat fan watching them play the Dallas Mavericks, you know it is a sign of dejection and frustration.

Have you ever felt frustrated; think about it for a moment? I mean really frustrated? Have you ever let a difficult or undesirable circumstance ruin your mood and sour your mind-set toward the day? I imagine each of us has felt some degree of frustration at one time or another. I wouldn't be telling you anything new if I said that frustration, and fatigued is a part of life. But! It comes to a point in your life, that whatever has bugged you, “You just can’t take it anymore.” You are now ready to dry up your last tears, feel the last pains of betrayal, and toss and turn one more time with your last agony. And now you’re ready to testify to the whole world, “My mission is accomplished!”

In the text, Jesus is hanging on the cross, and the Jews are watching him as a theatrical. They were once angered at Jesus. And they were determined that he would not leave their traditionalized religion alone, and therefore had to devise a scheme to get rid of him. So, they persuaded the Roman governor Pilate to have him arrested, find him guilty of breaking the laws of Judaism, and kill him by way of crucifixion. They tried their best to make Jesus give up and throw in the towel of defeat. But! Listen, when the world says, “Give up,” Hope whispers, “Keep trying.”

The Jews thought in their state of carnality that Jesus was just a mere human and watched him throughout his ministry; while at the same time planned a conspiracy against him. The Jews suffered from a viral case of spiritual malnutrition. They fail to recognize this man who’s hanging on the cross as God our Creator, Maker, and Redeemer! They placed obstacles in his way, but Jesus would encourage us that, “If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.”

Jesus like us on his human side had human emotions, much the same as compared to our limitations. He preached with compassion, explained the dangers of condemnation, exposed the religious leader’s corruptions, shed the tears of concern over Jerusalem, slept in the comfort of another man’s home, ate from another man’s table, and cured another man’s disease and now as God’s only Son will be crucified for another man’s sins. After all of his preaching and teaching and death; the Jews refused to still follow and listen to him as the Saviour of the world.

Have you ever felt frustrated when people wouldn’t listen to you while teaching from the Bible? Have you felt frustrated when they made you the issue as to why they wouldn’t listen? Some of them looked down on your age and said, “You’re too young or old for them to respect what you said. Who are you to tell them what they should do?” Or they may turn up their nose and say, “You're not from around here, are