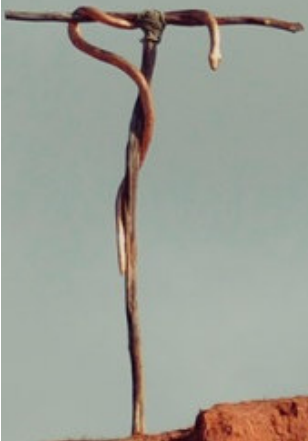


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It is finished

JOHN 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

OUTLINE

- **CHRIST'S WILL & AUTHORITY**
- **SIGNIFICANCE OF BOWING HIS HEAD**
- **WHAT IS FINISHED?**
 - Christ's humiliation and suffering
 - The fulfillment of the prophecies
 - The reign of Satan over mankind
 - The barrier between heaven and earth
 - The salvation of mankind

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Who can thus sleep when he pleases, as Jesus died when He pleased? Who is there that thus puts off his garment when he pleases, as He put off His flesh at His pleasure? Who is there that thus departs when he pleases, as He departed this life at His pleasure? How great the power, to be hoped for or dreaded, that must be His as judge, if such was the power He exhibited as a dying man!



SIGNIFICANCE OF BOWING HIS HEAD

**What happens to us
did not happen to Him.
We bow the head after
the last breath, but He
bowed His head and
then gave up His
spirit.**

(St. John Chrysostom)



SIGNIFICANCE OF BOWING HIS HEAD

He bowed His head
and completed the
journey of His spirit in
comfortable work for
it. Now His spirit is in
the bosom of the
Father who cares and
strengthens it in His
bosom.

(Origen)



SIGNIFICANCE OF BOWING HIS HEAD

Some commentators observe that bowing His head proclaims the extent of the weight of our sins that He willingly carried for us.

(Fr. Tadros Malaty)



CHRIST'S HUMILIATION AND SUFFERING

“Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, ‘Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?’”

(Matthew 26:67,68)



CHRIST'S HUMILIATION AND SUFFERING

**“I gave My back to
those who struck Me
and My cheeks to
those who plucked out
the beard; I did not
hide My face from
shame and spitting”
(*Isaiah 50:6*)**



CHRIST'S HUMILIATION AND SUFFERING

**“A reproach of men,
and despised by the
people. All those who
see Me ridicule Me”
(*Psalm 22:6,7*)**

**“...he who is
hanged [on a tree] is
accursed of God”
(*Deut. 21:23*)**



THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROPHECIES



THE REIGN OF SATAN OVER MANKIND

And the Lord said
to Satan, “From
where do you
come?” So Satan
answered the Lord
and said, ‘From
going to and fro on
the earth, and from
walking back and
forth on it.’”
(*Job 1:7*)



THE REIGN OF SATAN OVER MANKIND

**“...He shall bruise
your head, And you
shall bruise His heel.”
(*Genesis 3:15*)**



**“No one can enter a
strong man’s house and
plunder his goods,
unless he first binds
the strong man.”
(*Mark 3:27*)**

THE BARRIER BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

**You cannot see My face;
for no man shall see Me,
and live.**

(Exodus 33:20)

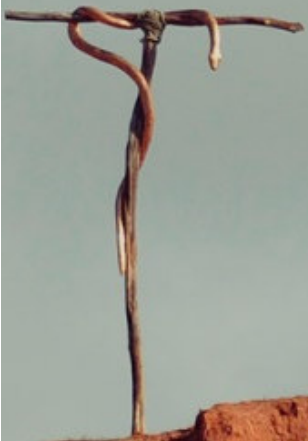
**God, who at various
times and in various
ways spoke in time past
to the fathers by the
prophets, has in these
last days spoken to us
by His Son
*(Hebrews 1:1,2)***



THE SALVATION OF MANKIND

I have glorified You
on the earth. I have
finished the work
which You have given
Me to do.
(*John 17:4*)



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