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John 19:30

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar He said,  
'It is finished' and He bowed His head and gave up the ghost."

I said last week that I'd attempt to talk to you on the three most important words, I believe, in history - IT IS FINISHED. This is one of the seven sayings, as we say, of the Lord Jesus on the cross. Just three words - IT IS FINISHED.

The Greatest Words Ever Uttered

By the Greatest Man That Ever Lived.

In these three words I see the consummation of all the Old Testament truth and the germination of all New Testament truth.

I don't believe that ever in history,  
anywhere, at any time, by anybody,  
were three words more pregnant with meaning  
than these three words given by one Man at the end of His life -  
It is finished. It is finished.

Now supposing that you were here and I was where you are - How would you start to handle a text like this?

I feel as though I am trying to catch the wind in my arm.

I am trying to pick up the Atlantic Ocean up in a sieve.

How do you deal with it?

Its magnitude staggers me,

Its mystery staggers me,

Its majesty staggers me.

It seems to me that here is a terminus in the life of the Lord Jesus: all the prophecies, all the law, all the prophets, terminate in this saying of the Lord Jesus Christ. And everything from here blossoms out because this is the beginning of it all. Three simple words - it is finished.

I suggest to you in all reverence that these three words terrified hell. IT IS FINISHED!

You see, this English phrase of ours, this little sentence, is not in the Greek at all. And I don't know much about Greek, but I did discover that in the Greek it is just one word: FINISHED