

Fulfilled & Freed
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John's Purpose

- John focuses on showing that Jesus **fulfilled prophecy** rather than giving every detail of the crucifixion.
- Prophecy = a God-given prediction of what is to come.

Golgotha — John 19:16b–17

- Golgotha was outside the city on a hill where crucifixions were done publicly.
- Jesus placed between criminals becomes **God's display of love** for all to see.

The Sign — John 19:19–22

- Pharisees asked Pilate to change the sign; he refused.
- Sign written in **Aramaic, Latin, Greek** so everyone could read it.
- It declared: **Jesus is the King of the Jews.**

Casting Lots — John 19:23–24

- Soldiers divided Jesus's clothes and cast lots.
- Fulfilled **Psalm 22:18**, written about 1000 years earlier.

"I Am Thirsty" — John 19:28–30

- Jesus is given wine vinegar on a **hyssop branch**.

Passover Connection (Exodus 12)

- Israelites were slaves in Egypt.
- God told them to sacrifice a perfect male lamb and mark their door frames with its blood using **hyssop**.
- God "passed over" and saved them.

Meaning for Us

- Just as Israel needed freedom from physical slavery, we need freedom from **slavery to sin**.
- We cannot save ourselves—only Jesus can.
- Jesus is our **Passover Lamb** who frees us.

Prophecy Fulfilled

- **Psalm 69:21:** “...*they gave me vinegar for my thirst.*”

No Bones Broken — John 19:31–34

- Fulfills Passover regulations (**Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12**) that the lamb’s bones were not to be broken.
- Jesus fulfills this perfectly.
- They pierced His side to prove He was really dead.

It Is Finished

- **Paid in full / completed / fulfilled.**
- Connects to **Psalm 22:31** — “He has done it.”
- Jesus’ mission is complete.
- Our debt is paid.
- Relationship with God restored.
- **We are freed.**

Living in Freedom

Believe

- Believe Jesus is the perfect Son of God who died for your sins.

Show & Tell

- **Show** your freedom by how you live.
- **Tell** others about Jesus because you love and care for them.

Become Like Jesus

- Be kind, speak truth, serve, care, love.
- Walk with people instead of judging them.
- Become more like Jesus together.

Reflection Questions

1. **How does knowing God keeps His promises change the way you see Him?**
2. **What part of today’s Scripture stood out to you the most, and why?**
3. **Is there a promise from God you need to trust more right now?**
4. **Where do you see God working in your life—even in small ways?**
5. **What does Jesus’ choice to carry the cross for us show about His heart?**
6. **What is God saying to you today?**

