

Completion

John 4:34; 5:36; 13:1; 17:4, 23; 19:28

Throughout His earthly ministry, from first to last, Jesus repeatedly spoke of completing the work His Father had sent Him to do. It seemed always on His mind. To express His desire, He used a Greek word meaning *to complete, finish, or accomplish*.

For example, when He was weary from travel, His disciples urged Him to eat. Jesus was more concerned with drawing a Samaritan woman to His Father:

*“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to **accomplish** His work.”*
(John 4:34, NASB)

Jesus’ critics scoffed at His claim that God was His Father. They considered it blasphemy! Jesus said His works proved that God was His Father:

*“The works which the Father has given Me to **accomplish**—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.”* (John 5:36, NASB)

On His final night with His disciples before His arrest, Jesus prayed to His Father and gave Him this report on the task for which He had been sent:

*“I glorified You on the earth, **having accomplished** the work which You have given Me to do.”* (John 17:4, NASB)

Jesus finished this same prayer by praying for all who would believe on Him in the years to come. Looking ahead, the work He desired to see completed was their perfect union with each other in the Father and Son:

*“I in them and You in Me, that they may be **perfected** in unity, so that that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”*
(John 17:23, NASB)

What was the task that had characterized Jesus’ ministry from first to last? It was showing the Father’s love, in all its length and depth and height:

*“Jesus knowing that His hour had come that he would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them **to the end** [margin: *to the uttermost, or eternally*].”* (John 13:1, NASB)

Considering this focus of His life, how else would Jesus spend His final breath as He died in agony on the cross?

*After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been **accomplished**, to fulfill the Scripture, said, “I am thirsty.”*

*Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (John 19:28, 30, NASB)*

The completion of His Father's work was Jesus' daily food, His unshakable foundation, His love's driving force, His dying wish, and His vision of the future for every believer.

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