

March 26, 2023

Pastor Grant Davis

Study Guide



Famous Last Words

The Thirst for Telos (τέλος)

John 19:28-30

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, **"I am thirsty."** ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **"It is finished."** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Thoughts & Questions to Fuss With:

1. Share a time when you accomplished something truly great. As part of your story be sure to explore how that accomplishment felt and how it has affected your life since.

Optional Follow-up: Share a time when you failed at something just as significant. Explore how that failure felt and how it has affected your life.

2. Telos – Strong's 5055 & 5056 – Have you studied this word before?
3. How have you wrestled with finding your purpose and lasting fulfillment?
4. Scholars believe John's objective for this Gospel was to reach the unconvinced.
5. How are you engaging the unconvinced in your life?
6. As a group, think up one practice you can act upon to engage the unconvinced.
7. What is the Bible all about? Can you answer that for the unconvinced?
8. Read Luke 22:37 – This takes place on Maundy Thursday. Christ committed His entire life to this one moment, this ultimate purpose.
9. How can telos help give the "Maundy Thursday" Jesus more context?

Still Thirsty For Further Study?

1. Practice using Bible study tools to find the Bible cross references and "hyperlinks" that John 19:28 is alluding to. What has been completed and what scriptures were fulfilled?
2. Read Philippians 3
 - How can Paul's words in Philippians 3:7-14 bring you peace in times of personal uncertainty?
3. How does this message connect with Pastor Keith's Ephesians 3:14-21 sermon March 19?
[Hint: read v7-13]

Online Video Resource: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/heaven-and-earth>

Book Resource: *"With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God"* ISBN: 9781595553799