

# Verses of the Month Devotional

March

*When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

*John 19:30*

## *Thoughts on the verse:*

"IT IS FINISHED" ARE THE LAST WORDS THAT JESUS SPOKE AS HE HUNG ON THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY OVER 2000 YEARS AGO. THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD Poured out his life and his heart for me and for you. Before we even knew we had a need for a savior, he had done the work. The Greek word "TETELESTAI" is found in John 19 as Jesus spoke his last words. It means "it is finished." It is the word that the Jews used to say as they were finishing a day of work, or announcing that a project was complete. May we rest in this truth during this Easter season, that his perfect work has already been done, and all we have to do is walk it out. The sacrifice has already been given, the blood has already been spilled, and the price was already paid for your freedom as well as mine. May we reflect on his sacrifice and how we are walking out the freedom that he has gifted us in that ultimate ransom being paid on a hill on a cross so many years ago.

## *Prayer:*

FATHER, WE THANK YOU THAT YOU PROVIDED A LAMB AS A SACRIFICE BEFORE WE EVEN KNEW THAT WE HAD A NEED FOR REDEMPTION. WE THANK YOU THAT IT WASN'T JUST A SIMPLE GIFT, BUT IT WAS YOUR BEST GIFT, YOUR ONE AND ONLY AND PERFECT SON. MAY WE LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE AND THE SACRIFICE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN SO FREELY TO US. MAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE JUST AS YOU GAVE THE PERFECT EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

## *Action:*

SPEND SOME TIME JOURNALING OVER THESE HOLY DAYS, AND REFLECT ON THE SACRIFICE THAT WAS GIVEN FOR YOU, AND THE PRICE THAT WAS PAID FOR YOU. HOW CAN YOU TURN AROUND AND OFFER YOUR LIFE IN THE SAME WAY THAT JESUS HAS OFFERED YOU FREEDOM? WHERE CAN YOU OFFER FORGIVENESS WHERE IT IS UNDESERVED? ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL SEASON, KNOWING THAT YOU ARE REDEEMED.

## *Notes:*