



How Do You Get to The Finish Line? (Keep Up with Your Time)

April 10, 2022

Series Review: St. John 19:28-30

- **28** After this, Jesus, **knowing that all things were now accomplished**, that the Scripture **might be fulfilled**, said, “I thirst!” **29** Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. **30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Review: Four Elements Necessary to Finish

1. **Consistency:** April 3, 2022 (You must routinely invest to finish strong)
2. **Time:** April 10, 2022 (You must respect time to finish) ... Palm Sunday
3. **Stamina:** Live-Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 (You need prolonged mental and physical effort)
4. **Faith:** April 24, 2022 (You must believe in God, yourself, and others to finish)

Today's Text: Matthew 25:14-15, 19 (Time was running out for Jesus, John 19:30)

I. Keep Your Eyes on the Clock Not the Praise Six Days and Counting (Matthew 21:6–11)

- **6** The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. **8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road**, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” **10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”** **11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

Source: Note Presentation: Five Day Passion Week Map: <https://bg3-blog.s3.amazonaws.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/QuickViewBiblepassion.jpg>

II. Remember What Is Temporary

1. Temporary **fame** does not guarantee a great finish
2. Temporary **praise** does not guarantee a great finish
3. Temporary **titles** and awards do not guarantee a great finish

Question: How do you handle relationships that are inconsistent and full of promises that will never be fulfilled?

III. Four Lessons I Have Learned About Time

1. Time always **runs out**
2. Time always forces an **accounting**
3. Time always rewards the **consistent**
4. Time gives you a chance to **change**

Conclusion:

IV. Three Facts I Must Face

1. **The attention and titles I have received have been wonderful but are all temporary.** I will not always be Pastor Rick, the pastor of Overcoming by Faith, with thousands of members.
2. **I need to keep my eye on the clock and be mature** enough to embrace the truth about the time on my clock.
3. **I must march forward in the future** when the time is up for this season?
 - **My biggest challenge is to make sure that I do not burnout on the way**

Next Time Live: Finishing Without Burning Out

Read Ahead: John 19:28-30