



# FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Parables of Jesus

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# “It Is Finished” STUDY GUIDE - EASTER APRIL 12th, 2020

**WARM UP QUESTION (5-10 min):** How do you respond when things don't go your way?

**READ:** Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:13-18, John 19:28-30, Luke 24:46-53

**FOCUS:** Jesus provides healing and resurrection life when death has been at your door.

## OBSERVE (10 minutes)

**1-Where My Eyes Have Been:** *My eyes have been fixed on the places where my hopes have been set* (Num 21:4-9)

- The people became impatient with God's path.
- They spoke against God and Moses by questioning if He brought them out of slavery to die in the wilderness (rather than worship Him).
- God sent snakes who bit them. This woke them up to confess their sin of judging and grumbling against God.

- Moses prayed for them, and God told him to make a bronze snake, place it on a pole and lift it up so all who were bitten can see it and be healed.
- God healed all who were bitten when they looked at the snake on the pole, foreshadowing Jesus.

*“No person, not even the best one can give your soul all it needs...this cosmic disappointment and disillusionment is there in all of life, but we especially feel it in the things in which we set our hopes. When you finally realize this, there are four things you can do: You can blame the things that are disappointing you and try to move on to better ones (that's the way of continued idolatry and spiritual addiction), you can blame yourself and beat yourself (that's the way of self loathing and shame), you can blame the world (that's how you get hard, cynical, and empty), or you can reorient the entire focus of your life on God.”*

*-Timothy Keller in Counterfeit Gods*



**2 - Death at my door:** *At some point, sin, Satan and suffering come to every person's door to strike at those hopes (John 3:12-18)*

- The Son of Man came from heaven and is the only person who has gone into heaven
- As looking at the lifted up bronze serpent brought healing and life in the wilderness, looking to Jesus on the cross brings healing and eternal life to all who believe.
- God sent Jesus to save the world, not condemn the world. The world is condemned already.

**3 - It is Finished (Where My Eyes Will Go):** *Looking to Jesus' finished work on the cross brings healing and resurrection life to what was once dead (John 19:28-30, Luke 24:46-53)*

- Jesus finished the work of paying for our sins.
- Repentance for the forgiveness of sin should be proclaimed in HIS name to all nations

REFLECT AND DISCUSS (30 min)

- How has God's work in your life looked different than you expected? How have you responded?
- Where have you gotten derailed in your focus? Are there pursuits in your life more important to you than the worship of God?
- How do your hopes reveal your heart?
- Discuss how the finished work of Jesus Christ paying for sins give us healing and eternal life.

TAKE ACTION

- Let Jesus take the sting of Satan and sin in your life by repenting of misplaced hopes, trusting in His sacrifice for your sin and receiving His Holy Spirit today.
- Tell others about Jesus taking your sin and your new life in Him.

PRAY TOGETHER (10 min)

- Heavenly Father, you are always good, sending Jesus to the cross to save me, not condemn me. I confess my eyes have looked to false hopes, causing pain and suffering. I want to look to you all my days. Help me by your Holy Spirit, in Jesus name. Amen.