**Sermon Series:**

**BARS FROM THE CROSS**

**Sermon Title:**

**ONLY BELIEVE**

**Luke 23:44-46 [NIV]**

**44**It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, **45**for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **46**Jesus called out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

**John 19:28-30 [NIV]**

**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.

**PRINCIPLE POINT:**

ON THE CROSS, JESUS **COMPLETED** HIS MISSION TO **REDEEM** HUMANKIND WHEN HE SAID, “FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT,” AND “IT IS FINISHED.”

**PRACTICE POINT:**

WE MUST LEARN TO **REST** IN THE **FINISHED** WORK OF JESUS FOR OURSELVES BY **BELIEVING** IN WHAT HE DID FOR US.

Redemption was the **PLAN** in God’s heart from **BEFORE** the foundation of the world.

* **8**And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that *belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made. – Revelation 13:8b*

The moment that Jesus’s **SACRIFICE** was complete, **MIRACLES** happened in heaven and on earth.

* In the heavenly realm, there was an exchange of **SIN** for **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (see 2 Corinthians 5:21).
* In the earthly realm, the sky became **DARK** in the middle of the day and the **CURTAIN** in the temple was supernaturally **TORN** from top to bottom (Luke 23:44–45).

When Jesus died, He become the **ONLY** necessary **MEDIATOR** between us and God.

* **19**And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. **20**By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. **21**And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, **22**let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. - Hebrews 10:19-22

Because of Jesus’s **FINISHED WORK** in his death and resurrection, believers can **REST** in the security of God’s **GRACE**.