

John 19:16-30

Verb flow and emphasis

- 16 So he then handed (aorist) Him over to them to be crucified (aorist).
- 17 They took (aorist) Jesus, therefore, and He went out (aorist), bearing (present) His own cross, to the place called (present) the Place of a Skull, which is called (present) in Hebrew, Golgotha.
- 18 There they crucified (aorist) Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.
- 19 Pilate also wrote (aorist) an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written (perfect – this verb often takes a perfect for such uses), “JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”
- 20 Therefore many of the Jews read (aorist) this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified (aorist) was (imperfect) near the city; and it was written (perfect) in Hebrew, Latin *and* in Greek.
- 21 So the chief priests of the Jews were saying (imperfect) to Pilate, “Do not write (present), ‘The King of the Jews’; but that He said (aorist), ‘I am (present) King of the Jews.’ ”
- 22 Pilate answered (aorist), “What I have written (perfect) I have written (perfect).”
- 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified (aorist) Jesus, took (aorist) His outer garments and made (aorist) four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the tunic; now the tunic was (imperfect) seamless, woven in one piece.
- 24 So they said (aorist) to one another, “Let us not tear (aorist) it, but cast lots (aorist) for it, *to decide* whose it shall be (future)”; *this was* to fulfill (aorist) the Scripture: “THEY DIVIDED (aorist) MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS (aorist).”
- 25 Therefore the soldiers did (aorist) these things.
But standing (pluperfect) by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
- 26 When Jesus then saw (aorist) His mother, and the disciple whom He loved (imperfect) standing (perfect) nearby, He *said (present) to His mother, “Woman, behold (aorist), your son!”
- 27 Then He *said to the disciple, “Behold (aorist), your mother!” From that hour the disciple took (aorist) her into his own *household*.
- 28 After this, Jesus, knowing (perfect) that all things **had already been accomplished** (perfect), to fulfill (aorist) the Scripture, *said, “I am thirsty (present).”
- 29 A jar full of sour wine was standing (imperfect) there; so they put (aorist) a sponge full of the sour wine upon *a branch of* hyssop and brought it (aorist) up to His mouth.
- 30 Therefore when Jesus had received (aorist) the sour wine, He said (aorist), “**It is finished!**” (perfect) And He bowed (aorist) His head and gave up (aorist) His spirit.

Notice the use of the perfect tense at the end to highlight the death and that his work was “accomplished” and “finished” in verses 28 and 30.