

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

SERMON SERIES
The Cross That Spoke
Understanding the Dying Words of Jesus

TODAY'S MESSAGE
"I Am Thirsty"

Scripture: St. John 19:28-29
(New Revised Standard Version)

28 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." **29** A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. **30** When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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Sermon Notes

Of all of the statements Jesus made on the cross, this one is the shortest. It is the only time he referred to his own physical needs. This one Greek word, three English words, are packed with great insight into the precarious situation of the cross of Christ:

(1) The Simple _____ of Christ.

Jesus is reminding us, even now, that he too was human. He knew what it was like to be in need.

(2) The Sincere _____ of Christ.

Could not the one who could turn water into wine have turned dirt into water? These words tell us that Jesus was determined to go all the way.

(3) The Sympathetic _____ of Christ.

"If anyone thirsts, let them come to Me and drink."
- Jesus in St. John 7:37.
