

Were you there?

Script: It is Finished (Crucifixion scene)

Immediately after crucifixion scene, **Roman soldier says** "Surely, this was the son of God."

Then **bystander speaks** to crowd:

I was there.

Immediately before his last breath, Jesus cried out one final word on the cross, Tetelestai (teh TEH le sty)

It is finished.

The law was made perfect; Jesus had obeyed the Father's will.

It is finished.

God's righteous wrath had collided with God's perfect gift of grace. Justice had been satisfied.

It is finished.

Reconciliation between flawed (sinful) humanity and a holy God was made possible.

It is finished.

Jesus Christ became the blameless sacrifice for every sin. Once and for all, the debt was paid in full.

It is finished.

You cannot give enough, acquire enough, deprive yourself enough.

You will never be able to attend enough religious gatherings to add anything to his completed work on the cross.

It is finished.

So what does one do when the work of salvation is complete?

Believe and repent.
Worship and give thanks.
Rejoice and share.

It is finished.

Quit striving for God's love, acceptance and forgiveness.

It is finished.

Accept it. Rest in it, and live every day in gratitude for his mercy and grace.

It is finished.