

## **SERMON: A LASER FOCUSED\_ FINISH**

**(A Sermon By Minister Frances Pinckney)**

**Luke 2:41-49**

**John 19:28-30**

### **Luke 2: 41-49**

**(41) Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. (42) And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. (43) And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. (44) But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. (45) And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. (46) And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. (47) And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. (48) And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto Him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. (49) And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?**

### **John 19:28-30**

**(28) After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. (29) Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. (30) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.**

### **Introduction**

Jesus was born with and for a purpose and even at the age of twelve, He was aware that He needed to be about His Father's business. He remained focused until the business His Father had sent Him to do had been accomplished.

### **Exposition**

#### **1. Temple Cleansing and Authority Challenged.**

**(Taking Advantage Of The People While Being Deceptive.)**

**2. A True Servant.**

(Jesus's Ultimate Sacrifice Redeemed Us All From Sin.)

**3. Scriptures Fulfilled.**

(The Prophecies In The Old Testament Come To Pass.)

**4. Divine Timing.**

(The Significance of the Ninth Hour.)

**5. The Veil Of The Temple Is Now Unnecessary.**

(Entering the Holy of Holies.)

**Closing Thoughts**

Jesus was laser focused from the time He was twelve years old until He gave up the ghost on the cross. The Israelites commemorated the feast of the Passover as a reminder that they had been freed from slavery. Jesus is our Passover Lamb. We commemorate Him as we participate in the Lord's Supper. As we partake of the elements we are reminded that He set us free from the bondage of sin.

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