**R809 - Rumination for Aug. 2, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

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The **T**ext: *Jesus saith…My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to* ***finish*** *His work.* Jn. 4:34

The **T**hots: Jesus Came to Earth to **F**inish the **F**ather’s Work of Redemption.

1. **As a Babe, Jesus was Born to do His Father’s Will. Heb. 10:7**
2. The **S**criptures **S**tated - Jesus came to do God’s Will.

*Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God.*

1. Jesus would **S**uffer in doing His Father’s Will. Lk. 2:34

 *Behold, this Child is* ***S****et for the fall and rising again of many in Israel;*

 *and for a* ***S****ign which shall be* ***S****poken against.*

1. **As a Boy, Jesus was already going about doing His Father’s Business.** **Lk. 2:49**

 *He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?*

1. Jesus **A**sked and **A**nswered questions of the Jewish Scholars: Lk. 2:41, 46
2. *When He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.*  2:41
3. *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.*  2:46

1. The **A**stonishment from those **A**round Him: Lk. 2:47

 *And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.*

1. The **A**mazement from His “**A**nnoyed” Parents: Lk. 2:48

 *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.*

1. The **A**nswer, that **A**sked a question, from Jesus: Lk. 2:49

 *He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?*

1. **As a Man, Jesus went about Ministering to others to do His Father’s Work**. **Jn. 6:34****, HCSB**

*“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to* ***finish*** *His work,” Jesus told them.*

1. His **P**ublic Ministry to do the Father’s **W**ork:Matt. 9:35-36

 *Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel*

 *of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

1. His **P**ersonal Ministry to raise the **W**idow’s son: Lk. 7:**13**-16
*And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her,* ***W****eep not.*
2. His **P**arabolic Ministry – to illustrate…
3. His Compassion for the **R**ejected, He told a Parable of the Good **S**amaritan. Lk. 10:33f
*A certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.* *And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*
4. His Father’s Compassion for **R**epentant **S**inners he told the Parable of the Prodigal’s **S**on: Lk. 15:20
*And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him,*

*and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.*

1. **As His Final Mission, Jesus was Geared to Finish His Father’s Mission for Him. Mt. 16:21**

*From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.*

1. His **W**orks bore **W**itness to this: Jn. 5:36

*But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to* ***finish****,*

*the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me.*

1. His own **W**ords bore **W**itness to this: Jn. 17:4
*I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have* ***finished*** *the work which Thou gavest Me to do.*
2. His Last **W**ords bore **W**itness to this: Jn. 19:30

*When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished:*

*and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.*

1. **With His Mission Accomplished Jesus is now Rewarded thus:**
2. He **S**its on the Right Hand of **O**mniscient God: Heb. 1:3

*Being the brightness of His glory…and upholding all things by the word of His power,*

*when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

1. He is **E**xalted **S**upreme over all **O**thers and Any **O**ther:Phil. *2:9-11*

*God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That*

*at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

* As we remember Him this Lord’s Day with Him as the **S**upreme Head at His **S**upper,

 Let us **G**ive Him all the **G**lory due to Him for the **Finished** Work He Accomplished for us. Amen.

*Nothing, either great or small— Nothing, sinner, no;*

*Jesus died and paid it all, Long, long ago.*

*It is finished! yes, indeed, Finished, ev’ry jot;*

 *Sinner, this is all you need, Tell me, is it not?* James Proctor

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 809**

1. Paul Commenced his Christian Life with a Call from God – (Acts 9:4) –

*And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul…*

To which he responded with a question that would Change his life from thenceforth:

*And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?* (Acts 9:6).

The Lord then revealed His purpose for Paul through Ananias, thus: (Acts 9:15-16)

*He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.*

From that time onwards, Paul was prepared (just as he revealed his life’s purpose to his brethren at Philippi): *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* (Phil. 3:14)

Yes, from this time onwards he was involved and actually running in the race of life, ever…*Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* (Heb. 12:2).

There were many obstacles in the race, but Paul purposed:

*None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might* ***finish*** *my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.* (Acts 20:24)

Finally nearing the end of this race of life, Paul could say:

*I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*

*I have fought a good fight, I have* ***finished*** *my course, I have kept the faith:*

*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,*

*the righteous judge, shall give me at that day:*

*and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.* (II Tim. 4:6-8)

The last sentence is a remarkable assurance and promise to all who would run the race, following in Paul’s footsteps to finish the race of life.

Will you be able to finish the race that is set before you? **REFLECT**.

1. Are you tired of running the race, feeling exhausted and sometimes even thinking of throwing up the whole venture, in short, just to give up?

Note the wisdom and warning of Solomon in Eccl. 9:11 -

*I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong…*

And if you really feel tired and want to give up, do remember Isaiah’s wise advice:

*They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* (Isa.40:31)

How are you faring in the Race of your Life? **REFLECT**

 **Points To Ponder:** *Run to Last and not be the Last.*