

## 2018 – Year B – Good Friday

It is finished.

We know today that it was not finished, not just yet, but at moment what was going through the minds of Jesus' disciples?

Since the time that Jesus began his ministry everything seemed to be going great. Remember when Andrew met Jesus, after Jesus had been baptized by John in the Jordan River. The first thing he did was to go and tell his brother Peter that they had found the messiah! Imagine, everybody is waiting for a messiah and here he was, amazing.

This was followed by a string a unforgettable events: remember the wedding feast at Cana and the miraculous thing with the wine, then there was the blind man who had his sight restored by Jesus, and who could ever forget what Jesus did for his friend Lazarus in raising him from the dead. Remember the words that Jesus spoke about God in heaven and how God wants us to love him. The people kept coming out to hear Jesus' words that seemed to give them comfort and healing in the difficult situations in their lives. And the crowds were always so large, especially the five thousand that Jesus feed with a couple loaves of bread and a few fish.

How and why did it come to this, Jesus being betrayed to the authorities, and by a disciple!

Were we wrong to put our faith in Jesus? And now, it is finished.

Yes, Jesus' disciples could have gone through all the emotions that grief brings on to people.

Today, 2,000 years later, we know that it was not finished.

In our own lives we sometimes experience the same types of disappoint and despair as that of the disciples. Whether it is in matters relating to our families, our jobs, our health or our relationships with friends, things do not always go the way we expect them to happen. This could lead us to have doubts about what is really true in our lives.

John's Passion account has several ironies about the truth. Pilate is Jesus' judge but he asks "What is truth?" The Jews accuse Jesus of saying he was the Son of God, but it was the truth. The inscription on the cross of the charge against Jesus was that he was king of the Jews, but he was that, and more.

The ultimate truth is that God has the last word, and that word is mercy.