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*“Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I thirst.’” John 19:28*

### **I. The Physical Reality**

- A. Christ is fully human and fully God (John 1:1,14)
- B. Thirst represents the emptiness of emotional, physical, and spiritual life.
- C. Came to the “end of himself” (Phil. 2:6 - 8)
  - 1. “being in the very nature God”/ “equality with God” (deity)
  - 2. “did not hold on to it but made himself nothing” (kenoo = humiliation)
  - 3. “humbled himself and became obedient to death” (substitution)
- D. The reality that Christ was REAL and he physically suffered for us!

### **II. The Powerful Reality**

- A. A prophetic announcement – “knowing...Scripture would be fulfilled” (Jn. 19:28,29)  
(Ps. 69:21)
- B. Jesus chooses to suffer (John 10:18) to complete the work (John 17:4)
- C. Through emptying – God exalts Him! (Phil. 2:9 – 11)

### **III. The Personal Reality**

- A. Jesus understands suffering – “tasted death”
- B. In the act of “thirst” – He became the “living water” for us!
- C. Darkness + separation + thirst = the “hell” experience
- D. Likewise, when we submit to God, die to self, God will lift us up!