

Series: The Prayer of Jesus; *Sermon:* **Mission Accomplished**
Delivered on September 8, 2019, by Josh Moody, senior pastor

Bible text explored: John 17:4-5

⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. In sports, the word *glory* has been used to describe a height of achievement. But what did this word describe about an invisible God in the Old Testament Scriptures? (See *Exod. 16:10; 24:17* and *Lev. 9:23*.)
How does the emphasis shift to God made flesh in New Testament Scriptures?
(See *John 1:14; 2:11; 12:23-24, Romans 16:27* and *Heb. 1:2-3*)
2. Why (v. 4) do you think Jesus, on the eve of his crucifixion, spoke of his work as “accomplished”? (See *John 13:31-32*.)
3. Why is reliance on the finished work of the cross a certain reality?
(See *Heb. 7:27; 9:28* and *10:10* and *12*.)
4. How is the honor/shame paradigm exchanged for the sin/forgiveness paradigm for each of Jesus’ disciples?
(See Jesus words later in the same prayer: *John 17:22*.)
5. How (v. 5) did Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross, plus his resurrection, secure his exalted vindication?
Why may we joyfully savor being included in this victory?
6. What was the pre-incarnate glory to which Jesus was about to be restored?
Why does thinking of Jesus primarily as your friend reveal a small-God understanding?
How does recognizing that he is Lord of the universe add a big-God element of awe?
How should comprehending the divine passion demonstrated in the cross drive us beyond awe to worship?