



*By His Wounds We Are  
Redeemed!*

**A Book By  
Victor Hugo**

**Stage  
Production**

**A Film**

**The Redemption  
of Jean Valjean**

**Musical**




# Les Misérables

# Victor Hugo's Ambitions For Les Miserables

*"I don't know whether it will be read by everyone, but it is meant for everyone. It addresses England as well as Spain, Italy as well as France, Germany as well as Ireland, the republics that harbour slaves as well as empires that have serfs. Social problems go beyond frontiers. Humankind's wounds, those huge sores that litter the world, do not stop at the blue and red lines drawn on maps. Wherever men go in ignorance or despair, wherever women sell themselves for bread, wherever children lack a book to learn from or a warm hearth, Les Misérables knocks at the door and says:*  
*"open up, I am here for you".*




A composite image featuring Aslan the Lion, the White Witch, and the White Wolves from The Chronicles of Narnia. Aslan is a large, golden-brown lion with a white beard and chest, looking directly at the viewer. The White Witch is a pale, icy figure with long, flowing white hair, holding a sword and a staff, standing in a snowy, icy landscape. The White Wolves are three large, white, snarling wolves with black collars, standing in a snowy, icy landscape. The background is a dark, starry night sky.

# The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe

# Important Quotes From *The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe*

“Is he quite safe?” “Safe?” said Mr. Beaver. “Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But He’s good. He’s the King I tell you.”

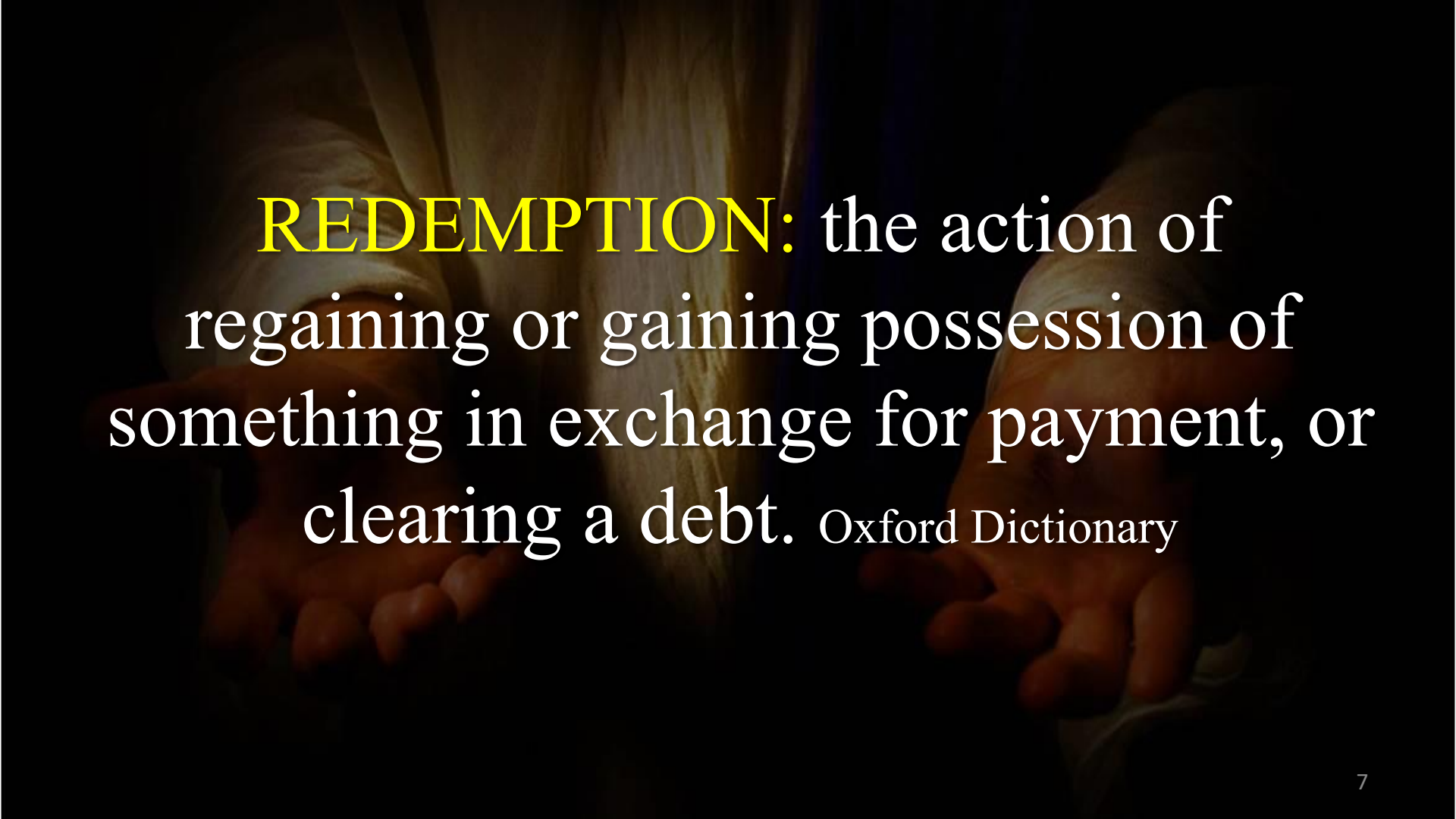
“When a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor’s stead, the table would crack and Death itself would start working backward.”



# Today, We Focus On The Redemptive Nature Of The Jesus' Sacrifice For Us.

Isaiah 53:8 (NIV)

By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
And who can speak of his descendants? For he was  
cut off from the land of the living; for the  
transgression of my people he was stricken.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, likely of African descent, holding a white cloth. The hands are positioned at the bottom of the frame, with fingers slightly curled. The white cloth is draped over the hands and extends upwards, filling the upper half of the image. The background is dark and out of focus. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the cloth.

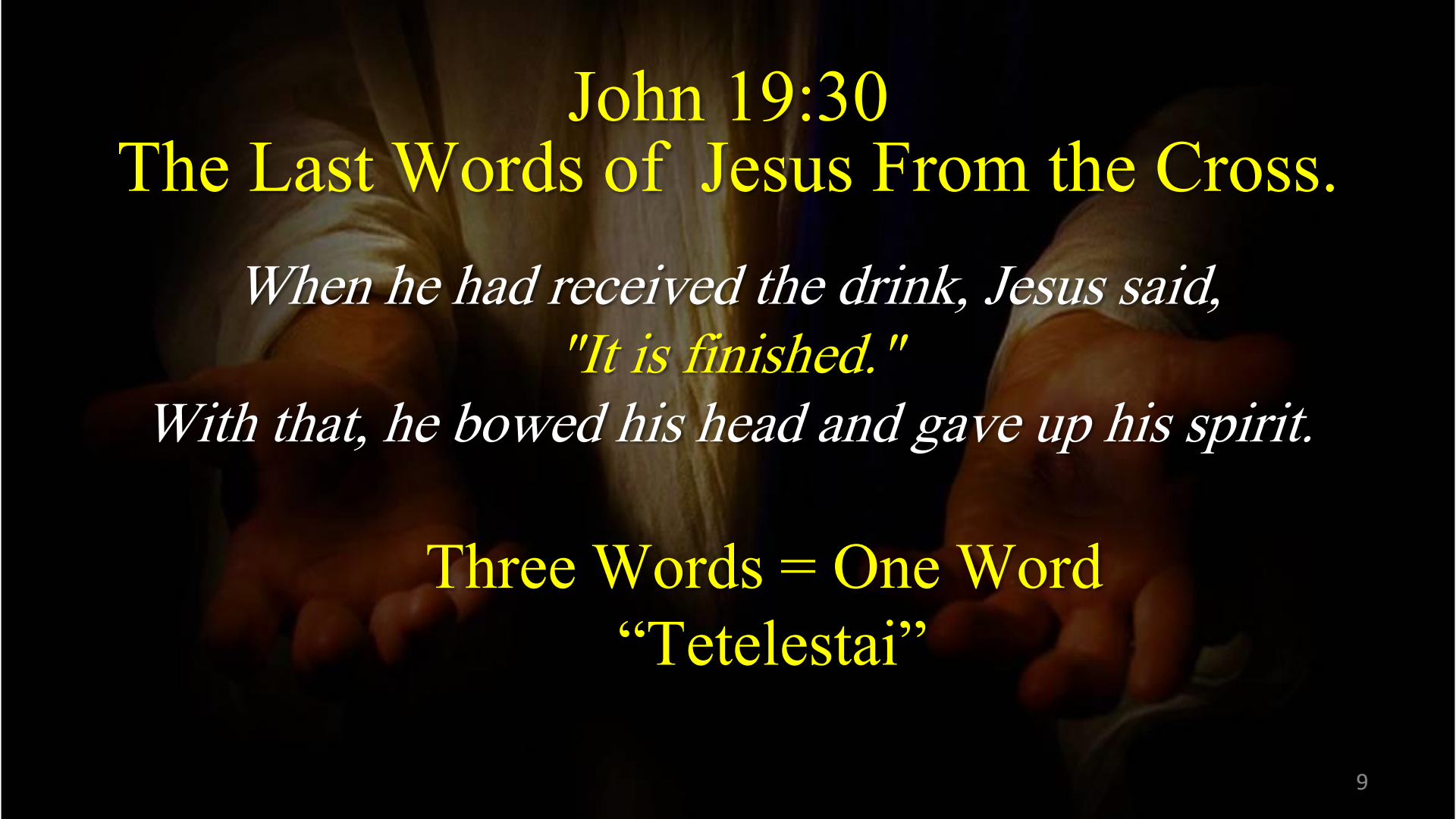
**REDEMPTION:** the action of  
regaining or gaining possession of  
something in exchange for payment, or  
clearing a debt. Oxford Dictionary



## Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*



The background of the slide is a dark, close-up photograph of Jesus' hands on the cross. The hands are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with fingers spread and palms facing forward. The skin is pale and appears to be in a state of suffering. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hands and deep shadows in the surrounding areas, creating a somber and powerful atmosphere.

# John 19:30

## The Last Words of Jesus From the Cross.

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said,  
"It is finished."*

*With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Three Words = One Word  
“Tetelestai”

# Ancient Papyri Throw Great Light On This Word.

- In Greek society, if a promissory note were paid, the one holding the note wrote “tetelestai” across it.
- Likewise, a deed to property was not in effect until it was dated and signed. When this was done, the clerk wrote “tetelestai” across it.
- Also, when a father sent his son on a mission. The son was not to return until he completed the mission. When returned from a successful mission, he reported it with the word, “tetelestai.”

# What Do These Meanings Say To Us?

- In eternity the Son gave the Father a promissory note that He would pay the price for humanity's redemption.
  - On Calvary the note was paid-in-full.  
Tetelestai!
- The Son's last word on the cross was that He had completed His mission for the Father.

## Hebrews 10:5-7 (NIV)

*Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am-- it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.'"*



## 1 Peter 1:13-19 (NIV)

*Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

*Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

# Gregory Of Nazianzus, 4<sup>th</sup> Century Theologian

“Let us offer ourselves, the possession most precious to God, and most fitting. Let us give back to the image what is made after the image. Let us recognize our dignity. Let us honor our archetype. Let us know the power of the mystery, and for what Christ died. Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become God’s for His sake, since He for ours became man.”

“He assumed the worse that He might give us the better; He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich; He took upon Himself the form of a servant that we might receive back our liberty; He came down that we might be exalted; He was tempted that we might conquer; He was dishonored that He might glorify us; He died that He might save us; He ascended that He might draw to Himself us, who were lying low in the fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself a ransom and a reconciliation for us.”



# You And I Are Masterpieces Of God, We Bear His Image.

When You Wake Up Each Day, Remind Yourself Of  
Who You Are And Whose You Are.

Remind Yourself That You Have Been Redeemed From  
A Futile Way Of Life At An Enormous Price, The  
Precious Blood Of Christ .

Remind Yourself To Live Up To Who You Are  
As A Disciple Of Christ Jesus.

# My Ambitions For This Message.

*“I know everyone will not hear this message, but it is meant for everyone. It addresses those present here in person and those joining us virtually. It is for young and old, Republicans and Democrats and Independents. It is for Capitalist and Communist and Socialist. It is for rich and poor, Black and White, Latino and Asian and anyone of the Human Family. It is for anyone who has been wounded by societal inequities or your own choices. If you are in despair, Jesus Christ is knocking at your door and says:*  
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