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Some interesting parallels between these two triumphal entries:

- **Both scenes follow incredible victories...**
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- Both scenes prove to be not the end, but the beginning of something far greater and much that is still yet to be come...

What follows “A New Hope?” “The Empire Strikes Back” & “Return of the Jedi!”
What follows Jesus’ triumphal entry? **Evil strikes back during Holy Week & Good Friday... But Jesus (who is far greater than any Jedi) returns in resurrection!**

Our “Final Words” of Jesus today are **“It is Finished” – John 19:30.** And just as the events of Palm Sunday proved to not be the end, so too when Jesus declared on the cross **“It is finished”, there was still more to come!**

So what did these final words of Jesus on the cross actually mean?

- **Some say they were words of defeat...** Death & Satan had won.
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- But others say these 3 words mean that victory has been won in Christ!

“It” – **What does the “it” stand for in this final phrase?**

- His torture... His suffering... His life... Is that where it stops?
- What about the penalty of sin... the power of sin... **the necessity of death/sacrifice...** the separation between God & man... The way to life...

Jesus’ death on the cross fulfilled all of “it”!

“is” – What does the “is” stand for?

- The “is” stands for our current and ongoing reality... What “was” has now been done away with... **What “is” now applies and forever will be!**
- The hope of our salvation today is found in the “is”!

“Finished” - What does this word mean in the context in which it was spoken?

- **Finished means there is nothing that has been left undone!**
- **Finished means there is nothing more that will ever be required!**
- **Finished is not a cry of defeat, but a shout of victory!**

Matthew and Mark’s gospel account of these last moments of Jesus’ life include Him crying out with a loud voice, yet neither records what He said.

It is only in the gospel of Luke and John that what He actually shouted before He breathed His last breath is revealed... **“It is finished!”** (WITH AUTHORITY & DEFINATIVENESS) **Jesus was triumphant, even in death!!!**

Remember, Jesus told his disciples on multiple occasions that he was going to Jerusalem to die. His arrest, torture, and crucifixion were no surprise to him. **Jesus had come to Jerusalem for this very purpose, & He succeeded!**

The triumph of Luke Skywalker & that of Jesus Christ are very different... One came from blowing up a space station & the other came by sacrificing His own life! One was very temporary & the other eternal! One used the force in the universe, the other is the very force of the universe!

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Do we know what Jesus saves us from when we shout “Hosanna” today?

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Though Jesus spoke truth when he shouted **“It is finished”**, His work in this world is not... It wasn’t when He triumphantly entered Jerusalem... It wasn’t in His death on the cross... It wasn’t in His resurrection... **It is still “To be continued” until He comes again...**

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