

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 21

The Crucifixion of Christ

John 19:17 – 42

REFLECTION

Review John 18:1-19:16. What spoke to you about Jesus and His love for the Father and for the world as He willingly surrendered His life over to death?

FOCUS VERSE

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit (John 19:30).

SECTION 1 – Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Read John 19:17-22.

1. Describe how Jesus was led to Golgotha¹ (vs. 17)? _____

2. What added information regarding Jesus' path to the cross do you find in the other Gospels?

Matthew 27:32, 33 _____²

Mark 15:21,22 _____

Luke 23:26 _____

3. What is Jesus offered to drink in His suffering (Matthew 27:34, Mark 15:23)? _____

_____³

How did this fulfill the prophesy in Psalm 69:21? _____

¹ the place of the skull: Golgotha; Mount Calvary.

² Cyrene: located in North Africa which was home to a large number of Jews.

³ sour wine . . . gall: sedative to dull the pain and consciousness.

Why do you think He refused the drink? _____

4. Who followed Jesus as He walked to His death (Luke 23:27-31)? _____

How did Jesus respond to these followers? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Summarize the future judgments Jesus was referring to?

Matthew 24:4-26 _____

Revelation 6:12-17 _____

PERSONAL

What ministers to you personally about Jesus as He bore His cross? _____

5. Who was crucified on each side of Jesus (Matthew 27:38, Luke 23:32, 33, John 19:18)? _____

What did Isaiah prophecy (Isaiah 53:12, Mark 15:27, 28)? _____

6. Contrast the two criminals hanging on each side of Jesus (Luke 23:39-43)? _____

What comfort do you receive from Jesus' interaction with these men? _____

7. What was the accusation written above Jesus on the cross (Matthew 27:37, Mark 15:26, John 19:19)?

How is this truth concerning Jesus confirmed (Matthew 2:1, 2, Revelation 19:11-16)? _____

8. What was the reaction of the Jews to this title (John 19:19-21)? _____

9. How did Pilate answer their demands (vs. 22)? _____

SECTION 2 – Jesus Hangs on the Cross

Read John 19:23-27.

1. What did the soldiers do with Jesus garments (vs. 23, 24)? _____⁴ ⁵

What was done with His tunic? _____

What did David predict in Psalm 22:18? _____

2. While the soldiers were casting lots, what did Jesus pray (Luke 23:34)? _____

⁴ garment: cloak, loose fitting outer garment, could be divided.

⁵ tunic: close fitting seamless undergarment that went from the neck to the knees.

3. Who stood by the cross of Jesus (John 19:25-27)? _____

How did Jesus care for His mother as He hung on His cross? _____

4. What was the response to Jesus as He offered His life for mankind (Matthew 27:39-44, Mark 15:29-32, Luke 23:35-39)?

the crowd _____

the Chief Priest⁶ _____

the criminals _____

the soldiers _____

PERSONAL

So far, what do you think was the most painful part of Jesus' sufferings? _____

SECTION 3 – Jesus Gives Up His Life

Read John 19:28-37.

1. How did Jesus fulfill Scripture as He was dying (vs. 28, Psalm 22:15)? What did He say? _____

2. What happened from the sixth hour to the ninth hour (Matthew 27:45, Luke 23:44, 45)? _____

⁶ Chief Priest: spiritual rulers, Scribes, elders, Pharisees.

3. What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)? What does it mean? _____

What had David prophesied (Psalm 22:1)? _____

4. Who did the people assume Jesus was calling for (Matthew 27:47-49, Mark 15:35, 36)? _____

5. When Jesus knew all things were accomplished, what did He cry out (John 19:29, 30)? _____

6. Describe how Jesus gave up His Spirit (Luke 23:46, John 19:30b)? _____

7. What happened immediately at Jesus' death:
in the Temple (Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38)? _____

to the earth (Matthew 27:51)? _____

to the buried saints (Matthew 27:52, 53)? _____

to the centurion (Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:39)? _____

to the faithful women (Matthew 27:55, Mark 15:40, 41, Luke 23:49)? _____

to the crowd (Luke 23:48, 49)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Read and meditate on Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. Note the many prophecies Jesus fulfilled in His death.

PERSONAL

Write the words and phrases that touch your innermost being? _____

8. What did the Jews ask of Pilate (John 19:31-34)? Why? _____⁷

Explain what happened to Jesus? _____

9. What did John testify about Christ that was another fulfillment of Scripture (John 19:35-38, Psalm 34:20, Zechariah 12:10)?

⁷ Preparation Day: the day before the Sabbath.

SECTION 4 – Jesus is buried

Read John 19:38-42.

1. Describe Joseph of Arimathea.

John 19:38 _____

Matthew 27:57 _____

Mark 15:43 _____

Luke 23:50, 51 _____

2. What did he ask Pilate to give him (John 19:38b)? _____

3. How did Pilate react (John 19:38c, Mark 15:44, 45)? _____

4. Who came with Joseph (John 19:39)? What did he bring? _____

When did he first come to Jesus (John 3:1-12)? What did he want? _____

5. After Pilate released Jesus' body, what did these men do (John 19:40, Matthew 27:59)? _____

6. Where did they lay Jesus' body (John 19:41, 42, Matthew 27:60)? _____

PERSONAL

How do Joseph and Nicodemus encourage you? _____

7. Who stood by observing the scene (Matthew 27:61)? _____

8. What did the women do after Jesus was laid in the tomb (Luke 23:56)? _____

9. What did the Chief Priest and Pharisees do (Matthew 27:62-66)? _____

So there they laid Jesus . . .
John 19:42

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