

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 3/4-5/24 - JESUS ON THE CROSS!

John 19:1-42

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OPENING PRAYER

Review from last week: *Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane! Before the High Priest! Peter Denies Jesus! Jesus Questioned by High Priest! Peter Denies Twice More! In Pilate's Court! Taking the Place of Barabbas!*

(John 19:1-42) – GETHSEMANE, GABBATHA, GOLGOTHA, GRAVE!

The Soldiers Mock Jesus! – (vs. 1-4); Pilate's Decision! - (vs. 5-16); The King on a Cross! - (vs. 17-24); Behold Your Mother! – (vs. 25-27); It is Finished! - (vs. 28-30); Jesus' Side is Pierced! - (vs. 31-37); Jesus is Buried in Joseph's Tomb! - (vs. 38-42)!

Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified

Joh 19:1 *So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.*

- **The scourging by the Roman government was a method by which they elicited confessions from accused criminals**, usually from convicted criminals. It was a very torturous thing; a prisoner was tied to a post in such a way that his back was extended. Then they would lay across the back this whip that had little bits of glass and lead embedded in it that was designed to rip the flesh as it was pulled off. It was very painful and it was used by the Romans to elicit confessions. The idea being that if a person would confess of a crime, they would be a little more lenient on the next time they brought the whip on his back. There would be a scribe standing by to write down the confessions of the crimes. This way, they were able to clear the books on many of the unsolved crimes in the community.
- **It was a common practice to scourge the prisoners before they were crucified.** Again, clearing up a lot of the unsolved crimes. It was unlawful to scourge a Roman citizen without his being already condemned but they would use it as sort of a third-degree torture to get the prisoners to confess to crimes.
- **In ordering Jesus scourged, He had no guilt to confess concerning the charges** that were brought against Him by the Jews. Pilate was convinced of His innocence and yet hoping to placate the Jews, he had Him scourged! But when we read in the Old Testament, *(Isa 50:6a) I gave My back to those who struck Me.* And in *(Isa 53:5) But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.* We realize that even though it was inconsistent with Roman justice, to subject an innocent man to this kind of torture. It was something that was designed and planned by God that not only should His Son suffer death upon the cross but that His Son should also be scourged.
- **Isaiah in speaking of this scourging, in prophesying it, said, (Isa 53:7b) And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.** He had nothing to confess. Thus, there is cause to believe that He received the full brunt of the whipping because the idea was, if they did not confess, the next lash would be harder. And continually harder until a person would be forced by the pain to cry out the confessions of his crimes. Jesus bore that suffering, but as Isaiah said, *"By His stripes, we are healed!"*
- **He was suffering for us! One of the consequences of sin in the world is suffering.** All of the suffering of the world can be traced back to the introduction of sin. It is sin that brings suffering to humanity and Jesus is there suffering for us because of the sin, that we might be healed!

Joh 19:2 *And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.*

Joh 19:3 *Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.*

- **Jesus is now being mocked. He is now being abused by the Roman soldiers. They made a crown of thorns** and pressed it on His head. Interesting! Where did the thorns come from? Going back to the garden of Eden when man disobeyed God, and God was announcing to man the results of sin and disobedience, He said, *(Gen 3:17b-18a) "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. [18] Both thorns and thistles it, shall bring forth for you.* The thorns are the result of the curse of sin. They say that a thorn is an undeveloped blossom. When the curse is removed, can you imagine how beautiful the desert will be, when every thorn becomes a blossom once again? But the thorns came from the curse of sin. Thus, quite appropriately, He came to suffer for sin. To take the curse of sin. Thus, thorns caused by the curse are placed upon His brow as the soldiers mockingly hail Him the King of the Jews, putting on Him a purple robe, pretending obeisance. *Then they struck Him with their hands!*

Joh 19:4 *Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."*

- **If Pilate found no fault in Him, then why would he have Him scourged?** It is thought that Pilate felt that the scourging would placate their bloodthirsty desire for His death. That they would be satisfied if He were subjected to this horrible torture of the scourging. According to the historians, many times the prisoners would not even survive the scourging; bleeding to death or dying during this torture.
- **Pilate said, Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.** Again God is protecting the innocence of Jesus. Making sure that we know that He was innocent! That He was the innocent One suffering for the guilty! Judas said, *(Mat 27:4a) saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."* Pilate said, *"I find no fault in Him."* Pilate's wife sent a message to him and said, *(Mat 27:19b)*

Have nothing to do with that just Man. And the thief on the cross said, (**Luk 23:41**) *And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.*

Joh 19:5 *Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"*

- **A man, like Pilate had never met before!** It is interesting as you read this story of Jesus before Pilate. It is more or less like Pilate is the one that is on trial here rather than Jesus. Jesus has taken control. It says, though Pilate thought he was in control, he was the helpless one. Pilate was the puppet. He was the one that was caught up in this whole movement and he was the helpless one. Jesus was the one who was in control!

Joh 19:6 *Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."*

Joh 19:7 *The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."*

- **According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah would be the Son of God because the prophecy said in (*Isa 9:6a*)** *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us!* A scripture that they recognized as prophetic of the Messiah. A Son is given! God is giving His Son!
- **When Peter responded to the question of Jesus, "Who do you say that I am? (*Mat 16:16*)** *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
- **When Jesus was being interrogated by the high priest, he said, Are you the Messiah? (*Mat 26:64-66*)** *Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." [65] Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! [66] What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."*

Joh 19:8 *Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid,*

Joh 19:9 *and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.*

- **He was fearful of Jesus. He never had a man quite like this before. Behold the man!** I believe he really admired Jesus.
- **Pilate took Jesus back inside for further interrogation.** On a physical level, Pilate has lost the battle with the Jewish religious leaders that day in terms of Jesus' crucifixion being in play at all at this point. On a spiritual level, everything is unfolding exactly as Isaiah and other prophecies in the Old Testament declared would be the case.

Joh 19:10 *Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and _?"*

- **Here Pilate is really inditing himself because he is acknowledging, I have the power.** I can have you crucified or I can release you." He is acknowledging that he possessed that power. Thus in allowing Jesus to be crucified, he has to take responsibility because he had the power to release Him!

Joh 19:11 *Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."*

- **Jesus answered, but His answer was not very comforting to Pilate!** *You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.* You are sinning but they have the greater sin. Theirs is a sin against knowledge; deliberately, coldly calculating of handing Jesus over, referring to the Jew's high priest, Annas. Pilate really does not know quite what is going on. And theirs, Annas and the other chief priests, have the greater sin.

Joh 19:12 *From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."*

- **They are pulling out their trump card. They had already made complaints against Pilate.** There had been official complaints against him. There was not any real love lost between the Jews and Pilate. There

was a lot of irritation there. Another complaint to Caesar would put Pilate in a very bad light. They knew it! They knew that they had Pilate more or less over a barrel. They were playing their cards out well, as they bring up the issue of Caesar. You will not be looked upon as Caesar's friend if you allow a man to claim Himself to be King.

GETHSEMANE, GABBATHA, GOLGOTHA, GRAVE!

Joh 19:13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

Joh 19:14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour (Roman time – 6 am). And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

Joh 19:15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

- **That is quite a statement for the religious leader of the people! Quite a statement! Quite a confession!** You see, the chief priests were not really spiritual men. They were using religion for their own profit and their own gain. They were extremely wealthy men because they had learned a way to profit off of religion. Their king really was their desire for power, for money. Pilate realized that the charges against Jesus were just trumped-up charges. They were fearful that if Jesus were allowed to continue to minister, that all people would go after Him. They would lose their power. They would lose their position! So this acknowledgment, "*We have no king but Caesar.*"
- **It is interesting that in the subsequent years, there did develop in Rome the deifying of the Caesar.** Every year, a person would have to offer incense to the image of Caesar and declare that Caesar is lord. It was required of those in the Roman community. The Christians would refuse to acknowledge that Caesar was lord. It was a capital offense not to acknowledge Caesar as lord! Thus when the Christians would refuse to acknowledge that Caesar is lord, they would be put to death in very cruel and torturous ways.
- **There is a very interesting book called *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. He lists in his book the martyrs for Jesus Christ** in the first few centuries of the church, including many of the accounts, which tell of how that the executioner pleaded with the person to just say Caesar is lord, because the executioner had pity on them and did not want to execute them. But the Christians would refuse to do so and millions of them actually went to their death for refusing to say that Caesar is lord. But here the chief priests of the Jews' religious system were saying, "*We have no king but Caesar.*" They refused to acknowledge the kingdom of God in their lives!

The Crucifixion - GOLGOTHA

Joh 19:16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

- **The custom was, there were four soldiers that were given the duty of crucifying the person.** The person was required to carry his own cross and there would be a soldier that would go in front of him holding a sign which was the accusation and the charge for which he was being crucified. They would go outside of the city because under the law they could not crucify them within the city, but they would usually take sort of a circuitous route through the city to go outside so that more people could see the prisoner and see the charges against him, to put the fear of the law in the hearts of the people. Three soldiers would march behind the prisoner, making their way through the streets of Jerusalem and then out to the place called Golgotha, the place of the skull.
- **There, they would then nail him to the cross that they had carried, putting the cross in the ground** and the prisoner would hang there until he died. The Romans would let the prisoner just hang there until they died of suffocation ultimately. Sometimes they would hang there for days before they would die. It was a horrible, torturous method of putting people to death. But the Jews had a law, interestingly enough a law that dealt with hanging on a tree.
- **In Deuteronomy there was this law given that they should not allow them to stay overnight.** They were to see that death came and they were not to keep them overnight. (*Deu 21:22-23*) "*If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, [23] his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.* It is interesting that the Jews to the present day have the custom of burying the person the day they die. It is traditional in the Jewish culture to bury the person, because of this scripture, the day they die. Paul makes mention of this

particular verse in (*Gal 3:13*) *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE")*.

- **So they delivered Him to them to be crucified.** Now the sign that the soldier would carry in front of the cross was then nailed on top of the cross, above the prisoner's head so that everybody that saw them hanging there would know the charges against them.

GETHSEMANE, GABBATHA, GOLGOTHA, GRAVE!

Joh 19:17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

Joh 19:18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

- ***The Place of a Skull! In Hebrew, it is Golgotha!*** In Greek it is Calvary! In Latin it would be cranium.
- ***Two others with Him. (Isa 53:12c) And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.***

Joh 19:19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. (this is the accusation) And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Joh 19:20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Joh 19:21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews."

- ***With the sign over the cross, Pilate does get the last word.*** Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews.'" With Pilate, this thing was going on with the Jews. There was bad blood here. He just said, (*Joh 19:22b*) "*What I have written, I have written.*" He was anxious to get his licks in against them. He was being put in a very awkward position. There was a sense of justice in the Roman courts. A sense of justice, at least. He was being pressured to do something that he knew was wrong.

Joh 19:22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

- ***Pilate is really adamant in this, in a minor thing.*** He gave in on the major thing, which was the crucifixion! Here on the minor thing, he is holding tough. What an inconsistency! We see that often in life. People often can allow major things. Like Jesus said, (*Mat 23:24*) *Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!* That is quite often the case with people. They hold tightly on little non-consequential issues, but on major issues, they cave in! So "*Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written.*"

Joh 19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

Joh 19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "THEY DIVIDED MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

- ***As mentioned, there were four soldiers involved in getting the prisoner from the judgment hall*** out to the place of crucifixion. Thus, there were five parts to the Jewish garment and each one threw dice for which part he would get. But then they came to the tunic, the robe and it was special. Generally they just cut it in four pieces and the guy would get a fourth of it. But they said that this was too nice to cut. Let us throw dice to see who gets the robe. So they cast lots to see who would get the robe! The interesting thing is that this again was the fulfillment of prophecy in (*Psa 22:18*) *They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.* That was written a thousand years before the crucifixion of Jesus. So the prophecy was fulfilled as they did not tear His robe but they cast lots. Just think of the wonderful details here, which were prophesied so many years earlier!

Joh 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

- **Four ladies standing by the cross. First of all, His mother Mary.** You remember when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the temple to present Him to the Lord and this godly man, Simeon, who served the Lord was promised by God that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's salvation, the Messiah! When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, then, he lifted Jesus up, saying, (**Luk 2:29-32**) "*Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; [30] For my eyes have seen Your salvation [31] Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, [32] A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.* Then he turned to Mary and prophesied to her of the greatness of her child but he said in (**Luk 2:35**) (*yes, _*), *that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.* I am certain that now as Mary was standing there, watching her Son being abused and crucified, that a sword pierced her heart!
- **Mary's sister was there. From the other gospels we believe that it was Salome, who happened to be the mother of James and John,** which means that James and John were cousins to Jesus. Their mother was the sister of Mary. They had probably then had known Jesus from childhood. She was there plus Mary, the wife of Cleopas. We know that one of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, when Jesus appeared after His resurrection, one of them was named Cleopas, so this perhaps was his wife. And of course, Mary Magdalene and what we know about her is that Jesus had cast seven devils out of her. She was from Magdala, that little village on the shores of the Galilee. Her life was miserable. She was tortured prior to meeting Jesus and she was devoted completely to Him because He had set her free! She just followed Him and was totally devoted to Him! So the four women and we know that John, the disciple, was there.

Joh 19:26 *When Jesus therefore saw His mother (no doubt, weeping), and the disciple whom He loved (John, the only disciple at the cross) **standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"***

- **This is the third saying of Jesus from the cross!**
- **Again, it is interesting, John is talking about himself but he does not call himself by name,** he just refers to himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved. We get this distinction concerning John. He is called John the beloved and we are told that he is the disciple that Jesus loved but we are told that only by John. We are not told that in any of the gospels. It was just John sets that up for himself and says, I am the disciple that Jesus loved! I believe that John, no doubt felt that Jesus loved Him more than the others. I believe that Peter probably felt that he was loved by Jesus more than the others, as did Matthew and the rest of them. I believe that Jesus had a way of dealing with people that every one of them felt special! That every one of them felt that Jesus was going to make them one of the chiefs in the kingdom. Because they were always arguing over that. Why would they argue over that, but what they all felt that I am special to Jesus? But the truth of the matter is they were all right. They are all special!
- **And you are special! It is important though, that you know it!** To refer to yourself, I am the one that Jesus loved! You are right! He loves you! You are special to Him and He wants you to know that you are special to Him! The important thing is that you do know that. You are very special to the Lord! There is no one in the world like you, as far as He is concerned! You are very special to Him. He loves you and He wants you to know that John came to that recognition. I am the disciple that Jesus loved!
- **He said to his mother, Woman, behold your son.** He is not saying, look at Me! But He is indicating John at this point.

Joh 19:27 *Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.*

- **And He said to the disciple, Behold your mother!** In other words, **He is saying, Okay John, take care of her.** Watch over her. The relationships that we have in Christ are often far closer than the human relationships that we have in our family. The brothers of Jesus at this point did not believe in Him. They did not believe it until after His resurrection. There was a closer bond between John and Mary, because of their common belief in Jesus as the Messiah. So John is commissioned by Jesus to take care of his mother, Mary!
- **And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. John accepted the commission of Jesus to take care of Mary.**

The Death of Jesus

Joh 19:28 *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"*

- **The fifth saying on the cross! *After this* - That is, after taking care of the final dutiful relationships, taking care of His mother,** now He enters into the spiritual dimension and aspects of the cross.
- **After enduring unthinkable stress, hours of imprisonment, trials, floggings, and crucifixion, the Son of God** — who made the waters of the world — experienced extreme dehydration and thirst. Still, there is a deeper meaning to His thirst. Jesus cried out with the psalmist; He was thirsting for the presence and fellowship of God the Father during their separation on the Cross. Jesus did not accept a pain-numbing drink at the beginning of His ordeal (*Mar 15:23*), but now He accepts a taste of greatly diluted sour wine, to wet parched lips and a dry throat so He can make one final announcement to the world with a “great cry.”
- **Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished. The purposes of God** are being fulfilled!
- **That the scripture might be fulfilled, He said, “I thirst.”** In this statement Jesus fulfilled another prophecy. In (*Psa 69:21*) *They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink*. That was the prophecy concerning the Messiah. So, in order that it might be fulfilled, Jesus said, “*I thirst!*”

Joh 19:29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

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

- **The sixth saying on the cross! *It is finished!*** There was one item of prophecy that had not yet been fulfilled and so Jesus said, *I thirst!* getting that final item set. Now that is accomplished! Now that He tasted the vinegar, that scripture is fulfilled and so He said, “*It is finished.*” (*Joh 17:4*) *I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.* It is completed. It has been done! The prophecies are fulfilled. (*Psa 22:15*) *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.*
- **At some point before He died, before the veil was torn in two, before He cried out it is finished,** an awesome spiritual transaction took place. God the Father laid upon God the Son all the guilt and wrath our sin deserved! Jesus bore it in Himself perfectly, totally satisfying the wrath of God for us!
- **And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.** It is a definition of death that is accepted today. When a person no longer has any brain activity, the heart can still keep pumping artificially but when the brain goes flat, the spirit has departed and a person is considered dead. So He gave up His spirit! In (*Mar 15:34-37*) *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”* [35] *Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!”* [36] *Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”* [37] *And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and **breathed His last.*** In (*Luk 23:44-46*) *Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. [45] Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. [46] And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.’ Having said this, He **breathed His last.***
- **And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.** Jesus had said, (*Joh 10:18*) *No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.* No man takes My life from Me! That puts an end to that debate that has been going on through the years, as who is truly responsible for the death of Jesus: the Romans or the Jews? Jesus said, *No man takes My life from Me. I give My life. I have the power to lay it down. I have the power to take it up again.* So Jesus dismissed His spirit.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

Joh 19:31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

- **We already looked in (*Deu 21:23a*) *his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day.*** It was the Jewish law that they were not to leave them hanging but were to bury them the same day.
- (***for that Sabbath was a high day.***) Because it was the preparation for the sabbath, and that sabbath day, because it fell in the Passover week, was a high day, that they might show a great respect, a reverence, for

the Sabbath. They would not have the dead bodies remaining on the crosses on the Sabbath-day, but sought Pilate that their legs might be broken, which would be a certain, but cruel dispatch, and that then they might be buried out of sight.

Joh 19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

- **In order to hasten the death, they would take a mallet and they would break the legs of the prisoners.** They would crush the bones and it would just bring on death. Because they did not want the bodies hanging there on the Sabbath, they came with the mallets, breaking the bones of the thieves that were crucified with Jesus.

Joh 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

- **He was already dead! They were astounded at this. It is a very remarkable thing.** Death by crucifixion is a very slow process. It simply means that a human being is nailed to the tree and he can hang there in his agony and die slowly, perhaps taking two or three days. And that was what they expected. That is why they had to kill the two thieves, because they were very much alive still. But then they looked at Him in the middle. To their astonishment, they found that he was still alive, not that he was dead! Let us never forget that they actually did not kill Him. He was dead before they had an opportunity of killing Him.

Joh 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

- **Blood and water! What is the explanation of the blood and the water? Where did they come from?** If you stick a spear into a body of a man who has just died, will you get out blood and water? The answer is that you will not! But here, there came out blood and water. How do you explain that? There is only one explanation of that blood and water, and **that is that our Lord, literally and actually suffered there on the cross in such a manner that His heart, His physical heart ruptured!** It literally broke! The normal heart does not rupture. It could only have happened, **as the result of a ruptured heart!** Our Lord's heart must have ruptured, and the blood flowed into this sac, this pericardium, and perhaps even beyond it. Then it is separated out into the clot and the serum, and the soldier thrust in his spear, and out came the clot and the serum. The cause of death was a ruptured heart! His heart literally broke! He died of a broken heart!
- **What was it that caused the rupturing of His heart? There is only one answer** in these details. The intense and the unusual suffering which He endured! **It was the agony that was so great that it literally burst and broke His heart!** His cry of My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me? Points in the same direction. What happened in the Garden of Gethsemane points in the same direction. There He was in such an agony that He began to sweat drops of blood. What makes a man sweat drops of blood? It is not mere apprehension! It is not mere shrinking from physical death. No, no! He knew that something so terrible was going to happen that He would doubt whether He could stand up to it!
- **It brings me to the heart of our faith and of our doctrine. The Son of God died of a broken heart.** The ruptured heart upon the cross. The suffering which He endured caused it. What was the cause of the suffering? It is what the Bible itself tells us. That God made Him to be sin for us! That God laid on Him the iniquity of us all! That God smote Him with the punishment that your sins and mine deserve! The agony was so amazing, and the strain so profound, that it literally burst and ruptured His heart!
- **John is not putting irrelevant details before us. They did not have to break His bones,** because He was already dead! It had been prophesied that would happen! Here it is. But why was He already dead? Well, the man comes and puts in his spear! Oh God was behind all this to give us the proof. Out comes *blood and water*, a ruptured heart! Why? The agony! The pain! The suffering! The bearing of the wrath of God against the sin of men? Thank God for these details for this astounding explanation! What conclusions must we draw?
- **Is it not perfectly clear that there could have been no other way of salvation? That this is the only way!** Is it conceivable that God would have allowed His only begotten Son to endure that, if there was any other way whereby God could forgive us! Explain the blood and the water? Explain the rupturing of the heart. And you cannot!
- **There is only one explanation of the blood and the water, the ruptured heart, which is alone explained by this agony.** This is the only way whereby even God can forgive us our sin! There is no other way! God would never have allowed His only begotten, beloved Son to pass through such a strain and through such an

agony, beyond all imagination, if there had been any other way whereby He could have forgiven us! There was no other way!

- **It is the only way that God can be the just and the justifier of him that believes in Jesus!** God's way of forgiveness is just and righteous and holy! He had to punish them. He said He would. His nature insists upon it, and He did it! It is the only way! There is no way of being reconciled to God, except through Jesus Christ and Him crucified! There is no way into the holiest of all, except by the blood of Jesus! Oh, do not run away with your philosophy! You must have blood, literal blood, the rupture of the heart, the bearing of the punishment. **(Heb 9:22)** *And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.* You cannot get away from the facts and still retain the teaching!

Joh 19:35 And he (John) who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

- **John's emphatic assertion here is that he was recording what really happened, which was necessary both because of the unique nature of the phenomenon. It was also to emphasize that Jesus was really dead,** thus anticipating the later skeptical attempt to explain the resurrection by supposing that Jesus merely swooned and had not actually died.

Joh 19:36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "NOT ONE OF HIS BONES SHALL BE BROKEN."

- **That was prophesied in (Num 9:12)** *They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones.* According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it. And in **(Psa 34:20)** *He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken!*

Joh 19:37 And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

- **Referring to (Zec 12:10)** *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced.* Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. These were not just done happenstance! This was just not the capricious action of a Roman soldier. This is a part of God's divine, ordained plan that God wrote about over five hundred years (*Zechariah, Nehemiah*) and over a thousand years (*Psalms*) in advance of the actual happening!
- **It is like us sitting down and writing about something that is going to happen to a man** who will be on the earth a thousand years (Psalms) from now or five hundred years from now (year of 2524!) and start giving details of how this person is going to be put to death, adding all of these little extra interesting kind of details and then have it come to pass, exactly, five hundred years later! We see how impossible that would be! It proves that the scriptures are divinely inspired by God and it proves that Jesus indeed was the promised Messiah! No one else could fulfill these prophecies or have fulfilled them, only Jesus!

GETHSEMANE, GABBATHA, GOLGOTHA, GRAVE! Jesus Is Buried

Joh 19:38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

- **After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews.** We were told earlier that there were many among the Pharisees who believed in Jesus but secretly because they feared the Jews because the Jews had already decided that if anybody believed that Jesus was the Messiah, they would not be allowed in the synagogue. There were these secret disciples. It is how His disciples had forsaken and fled, that the scripture might be fulfilled. **(Zec 13:7b)** *Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.* So they had fled.
- **But here now, the secret disciples step forward!** There are some people who in minor things fall apart but in major things, they really stand out! Here's Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple because of the fear of the Jews. But here at this time, he steps forward! He goes to Pilate!
- **Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.** Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He inquired of the centurion and confirmed by the centurion to be dead. We know that name back in John

chapter three. He was a ruler of the Jews; he was among the Jewish religious leaders. And he was of the Sanhedrin, that is the religious ruling class. He came out also. He was the one!

Joh 19:39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

- **That would probably not be a hundred of our pounds**, more likely about sixty-five pounds, but this was a measure of weight that was translated pounds.

Joh 19:40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

- **They would take this linen cloth and they would wrap it around the body.** Around and around and around, putting the spices in between the wrappings. They would wrap it and then lay spices and wrap it and all. That was their traditional way of embalming a body, so to speak, before they put it in the sarcophagus or the tombs, which were of limestone. Sarcophagus in Latin is flesh eater. So a sarcophagus would be used over and over again because they would eat up the flesh very rapidly, so you could put the next generation in the same sarcophagus. They were quite handy burial places.

Joh 19:41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

Joh 19:42 So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

- **When visiting the Holy Land and going to Jerusalem, it is very graphic to sit there in the Garden Tomb**, realizing that this is very possibly the site where the cross was and the garden tomb is quite possibly the tomb in which Jesus was laid for the three days. We can try to describe it with words, but one picture is worth a thousand words! Just sitting there is worth ten thousand words as you can get the whole picture of the place where He was crucified, the garden nearby and in the garden, the tomb where He was laid! So if you can, go on a trip to Israel! It is the trip of a lifetime. One that will leave such lasting impressions. It is worth at least a year of seminary or Bible college, just to be there.
- **Thank You, Jesus, that You were willing to obey the Father, to go to the cross and make the way to eternal life for us!** Lord, help us to adequately express our love to You by our deeds and by our actions. Not hoping that through them we can be saved but Lord, just letting them be expressions of appreciation for what You have done for us!

SUMMARY:

- **GETHESEMANE, GABBATHA, GOLGOTHA, GRAVE!**
- **The Soldiers Mock Jesus!** – (vs. 1-4); **Pilate's Decision!** - (vs. 5-16); **The King on a Cross!** - (vs. 17-24); **Behold Your Mother!** – (vs. 25-27); **It is Finished!** - (vs. 28-30); **Jesus' Side is Pierced! (Blood and Water)** - (vs. 31-37); **"Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me: and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess, the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness."** (Beneath The Cross of Jesus)
- **Jesus is Buried in Joseph's Tomb!** - (vs. 38-42)!

CLOSING SONG:

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD – William Cowper (1771) David Phelps Gaither (4:10/4:13)

1 *There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.*

2 *E'er since by faith I saw the stream His flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die: And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die; Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die. And shall be till I die.*

CLOSING PRAYER: