

Gospel of John Chapter 19

Part I

John 19:1-5(NIV)

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

- Pilate was trying to avoid Jesus' death
 - Sent Jesus to Herod
 - Attempted to release Jesus instead of Barabbas
 - Had Jesus beaten to see if the crowd would have mercy on Jesus

²The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe

³and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face.

- **Isaiah 50:6(NIV)**

⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁴Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

- This is the second time Pilate declared Jesus innocent

⁵When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

- "Here is the man!"- Behold the man
- First Jesus was an innocent man
 - First, Judas declared, "I have sinned, for I have betrayed innocent blood" (Matt.27:4).
 - Second, Pilate's wife sent to the Roman procurator, saying, "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him" (Matt.27:19).
 - Third, Pilate himself declare Christ innocent: "I find no basis for a charge against him" (John 18:38).
 - Fourth, Herod found Christ blameless, for Pilate reported of Herod's verdict, "Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death" (Luke 23:15).
 - Fifth, the dying thief expostulated, "we are punished justly; for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong" (Luke 23:41).
 - Sixth, the centurion in charge of the crucifixion said, "Surely this was a righteous man" (Luke 23:47).
 - Lastly, the crowds at the cross, seeing the earthquake and the other supernatural signs accompanying his death, exclaimed, "Surely this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54).
- Jesus is a brave man
 - He had been beaten near to death

- The scourging involved a leather strap with a pieces of lead, bone and rock
 - The back was exposed and the person was whipped
 - Most passed out from the pain and agony
 - Yet he never compromised
- Jesus was King
 - Not in the mocking way of the Roman soldiers
 - But a true King – Kings of Kings
 - Who seemed destined for defeat – in reality victory lied ahead
 - He blood – our victory
 - His bruises – our deliverance
 - Who by His stripes we are healed!
 - Spiritually, physically

Here is the man who stands with you in suffering and pain!
 He did not cause the Jews and the Romans to hate him.
 He did not cause the suffering.
 He shared in the suffering
 He shared in the sorrow
 He shared in the pain
 He shared in the agony
 He shared in the fear

Here is the man who stands with you!

- Perfect
- Holy
- Loving
- Glorious

John 19:6(NIV)

⁶As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

- Many years ago at the meeting of the Synod in Scotland at the Free church a Man preached a marvelous sermon on virtue and beauty and closed by saying
 - “Oh my friends, if virtue incarnate could only appear on earth, men would be so ravished with her beauty that they would fall down and worship her.”
 - That same evening another man preached, He did not preach on virtue and beauty he preached on Christ and Him crucified he closed with this
 - “My friend, Virtue Incarnate has appeared on earth, and men instead of being ravished with his beauty and falling down and worshipping him, cried out, ‘away with him! Crucify him! We will not have this man rule over us.’”
- Natural man hates God’s holiness and will do anything rather than allow the light of Christ to penetrate his own deep darkness.
- They yelled crucify him
 - Their hatred was so intense they wanted the worst type of punishment and death man had ever devised
 - They not only wanted Jesus dead but humiliated, shamed and cursed

⁶As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

- Again Pilate is trying to avoid the death of Christ
- But the Jews would not be tricked into it
- They had plotted, planned and stewed long enough
- They wanted Jesus dead

⁷The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

- They had tried to get Jesus killed by political accusations of being an insurrectionist
 - He was not guilty of that
- Now they show their true motives
- They accused him of blasphemy
 - **Leviticus 24:16(NIV)**
¹⁶anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.
 - They knew Jesus claimed to be the God – The Son of God
 - The irony is – that Jesus didn’t blaspheme because He is God but they refused to believe
 - His Teachings
 - His Miracles
 - Water to Wine
 - Lame to Walk
 - Food for 15,000
 - Dead to life
 - His Glory
 - His fulfillment of Prophecy
 - His Wisdom
 - His Love
 - They believed none of it

John 19:8-11(NIV)

⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid,

1. Romans were inclined to believe in human deities; so Pilate may have sensed that the man in his presence was a god.
2. According to Matthew 27:19, Pilate’s wife may have influenced his thoughts about Jesus, for she had had a troublesome dream, and had sent word to Pilate: “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him” (nkjv).
3. Pilate may well have been concerned that a riot was about to break out among the Jews. Hatred for Romans and the extremely crowded conditions in Jerusalem created a powder keg of unrest that needed only a good spark to become explosive.

⁹and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.

- Where do you come from?
 - Pilate might have believed he was a god
 - Are you from earth or from the gods?
- But Jesus said nothing
 - **Isaiah 53:7(NIV)** ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
 - His silence was also a judgment
 - Pilate had heard the truth and rejected it – He would hear no more

¹⁰“Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

- Pilate was panicking
 - He was losing control of the situation
- He resorts to Power
 - Don’t you know who I am
 - I can have you freed or crucified

¹¹Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.

- Who was in charge?
 - Jesus!
- Pilate had power
 - Jesus Gave the Power
- Pilate was sovereign in his territory
 - Jesus is Sovereign over all the universe
- Pilate had no power, no jurisdiction over Jesus
 - Jesus was in charge

Jesus goes on to say...

Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

- Jesus referred to Caiaphas, the high priest, who handed Jesus over to the Romans, not to Judas, who had betrayed him to the Jews. For a Jewish high priest to deliver the Jews’ King and Messiah over to the Romans for execution was an even more heinous sin than for the Roman governor to sentence him to death. Pilate was merely a pawn in a very elaborate game, but the high priest would be more severely judged because he should have known better. Caiaphas turned from the “light” in order to side with the darkness and made excuses for disobeying God’s law. However, Jesus was at the same time clearly charging Pilate with sin. Pilate was responsible for his choices.

Behold the Man – Jesus

Behold the Son of God – Jesus

He stands with you in suffering.

He stands in your place in judgment

Now He sits at the right hand of the father

Matthew 28

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Ephesians 1:17-23(NIV)

¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

¹⁸I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

²⁰which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Gospel of John Chapter 19 Part II

John 19:12-17(NIV)

¹²From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

- We know that Pilate was trying to have Jesus freed
 - Sent him to Herod
 - Tried to release him – they took Barabbas instead
 - Declared that he found no charge against him
 - Had him beaten – hoping the Jews would show mercy – they didn’t
- Since the Jews despised Roman rule, this was blatant hypocrisy. But these Jews hated Jesus so much that to get rid of him they were claiming their allegiance to Rome and to Caesar! LABC
- Pilate was afraid of their threat to report him to his higher ups.
 - He did not want to be accused of letting someone who was accused of overthrowing the govt. go
 - He was to maintain peace no matter the cost
- The Jews backed him into the corner and he relented at their threats

¹³When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).

- Pilate brings Jesus out to pass judgment on him
 - Jesus will be the one to pass final judgment

¹⁴It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

- The most important event in all history was upon us
 - “The supreme moment to which all of redemptive history pointed had arrived” MacArthur
- Jesus was tried illegally and immorally by both Sacred and Civil courts
 - “Yet this moment helps us to see beyond the evils of human court to the blessed purposes of God the Father in Christ’s sacrifice” Boice
- Here is your king
 - Pilate was mocking the Jews – who else but a beaten, itinerate preacher, with no army and no earthly power would be their king
 - But John knows differently
 - Jesus actually is the King of Israel
 - And he has power
 - The power to lay down his life
 - Greatest power is the sacrificial love of Jesus
 - The power to take it back up again
 - Resurrection power!!

- **John 10:18(NIV)** ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

¹⁵But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

- We have no king but Caesar
 - The religious leaders of Israel were saying, They are loyal to Caesar alone
 - They hated Caesar – They hated Jesus more
 - But what they said was true
 - They hated God – Jesus
 - They would rather serve Caesar than Jesus – The Son of God – God the Son!
- God had been their king – Israel was a theocracy
 - God ruled through humans but He was king
 - In I Sam – they rejected God as king
 - **1 Samuel 8:1-8(NIV)** - ¹When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel.
 - ²The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba.
 - ³But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.
 - ⁴So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.
 - ⁵They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”
 - ⁶But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.
 - ⁷And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.
 - ⁸As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you.
 - They had rejected the Father
 - They were rejecting the Son
 - Soon they would reject the Holy Spirit

Psalms 2:1-6(NIV)

¹Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

³“Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

⁴The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

- R.C. Sproul – “why the hostility? Why do the kings rattle their swords in belligerence? The answer is obvious: they despise the rule of God which restricts their freedom. Again the goal is autonomy. The rule of God is regarded as ropes and chains binding them and keeping them from unbridled pursuance of their desire. So the secret weapons are unveiled, the battleships come out of dry dock, the nuclear stockpile is tapped, and the troops are mobilized as the whole world joins the cosmic-liberation movement. With the infantile resolve of the child who seeks to quench a blazing fire with a straw, the rulers set themselves against the sovereignty of God.”
- What is God’s answer? The response is not panic. It is not a flurry of preparation to resist the impending invasion of his rights. Instead we read, “The One enthrones in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath” (2:4-5). The verses show that the Lord is temporarily amused by this insanity. But the laughter quickly gives way as he moves to enthrone his Son and unleash his final judgments.

¹⁶Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

- NEB: “Then at last, to satisfy them [the chief priests], he handed Jesus over to be crucified.” (See also Luke 23:25, where it says Pilate “surrendered Jesus to their will” niv).
 - Pilate gave in to the Chief priests
 - Pilate handed over Jesus to be crucified by the Romans
- Who was in charge?
 - Jesus

¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

- The cross was probably the cross beam
- He went out – outside the city
 - Invokes the image of outside the camp
 - The scapegoat who takes the sin of many away
 - Jesus is the fulfillment
 - He takes our sin and shame
- The cross is where the love of God and the depravity of man came together.
 - It is where justice and mercy kissed
 - It is the end result of politics and religion partnering

Gospel of John Chapter 19 Part III

Crucifixion – the worst way to die.

- It is interesting that John does not take time to describe crucifixion
 - Too painful a memory

Barclay, “It was that death, the most dreaded death in the ancient world, the death of slaves and criminals, that Jesus died.”

Instead in this next part of the chapter he talks about what is going on around the crucifixion

John 19:18-27(NIV)

FIRST – THREE WERE CRUCIFIED

¹⁸Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

- The two thieves
 - Probably having to do with an insurrection – rising up against the government
- The Jews were not interested in these two robbers
 - They hurled insults at Jesus
 - **Matthew 27:40(NIV)** ⁴⁰and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”
 - **Luke 23:35(NIV)** ³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”
 - **Mark 15:32(NIV)** ³²Let this Christ,° this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.
 - **Luke 23:39(NIV)** ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”
- The other gospels tell a little more about the other two
 - **Luke 23:39-43(NIV)**
 - ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”
 - ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence?”
 - ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”
 - ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
 - ⁴³Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”
- **Isaiah 53:12(NIV)**
 - ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,° and he will divide the spoils with the strong,° because he poured out his life unto death, **and was numbered with the transgressors.** For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Boice, “The Cross always reveals men as they are.”

SECOND – THE SIGN PILATE HAD MADE

¹⁹Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews.

²⁰Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

- The other gospels tell of the placard above Jesus head
 - It was standard practice of the day to make a sign with the crime committed
- John is the only one who tells us that it was written in three languages
 - Remember John was an eyewitness to the crucifixion
- The importance is to realize that Jesus had relationship to the whole world and not just Israel
 - Hebrew, Greek and Latin were the main languages of the day
 - John is emphasizing Jesus is King of Everyone
 - He is not merely a Jewish Savior
 - He is Greek and Roman Savior as well
 - **John 1:8-13(NIV)**
 - ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
 - ⁹The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.°
 - ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
 - ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
 - ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
 - ¹³children born not of natural descent,° nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
 - **John 1:29(NIV)**
 - ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
 - The sacrifice of Lambs was uniquely Jewish
 - He could have said – Takes away the sins of Israel
 - **John 3:16-18(NIV)**
 - ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,° that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
 - ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
 - ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
 - John 4 – Samaritan Woman
 - Salvation is available to all
 - But not all will Believe and Receive
- Hebrew is the language of religion – God gave commandments in Hebrew
 - Jesus is King of true Religion
- Greek the language of science and culture –
 - Jesus is Lord over culture
- Latin the language of law and good government

- Jesus is supreme Law Giver

²¹The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

- Pilate put this sign up to irritate the Religious Leaders
 - It worked
- They wanted the wording changed to
 - He claimed to be the king of the Jews
- Pilate wouldn’t change it

Boice, “The Cross always reveals men as they are.”

Now it reveals the Soldiers nature

THIRD – THE SOLDIERS AND JESUS’ CLOTHES

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.”^o So this is what the soldiers did.

- Usually there were four soldiers in charge of the crucifixion
- They would divide the outer garments as part of their pay
 - head covering, belt, sandals, outer robe
- They didn’t want to tear the undergarment because it was seamless and would have lost its value
- They were selfish and greedy – again the cross reveals true Nature
 - But God was in charge
 - Their act was a fulfillment of scripture
 - **Psalms 22:18(NIV)** ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

In contrast to their selfish greed we see Jesus carrying for and making sure his mother was cared for

FOURTH – JESUS CARRYING FOR HIS MOTHER

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,”

²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

- The four women in contrast to the four soldiers are faithful
- Mary – Jesus mother

- I can't begin to imagine what she was going through watching her son be crucified
- **Luke 2:34-35(NIV)**
 - ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,
 - ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."
- "What sorrow it must have caused her when, because there was no room in the inn, she had to lay her newly-born Babe in the manger! What anguish must have been hers when she learned of Herod's purpose to destroy her infant's life! What trouble was given her when she was forced on his account to flee into a foreign country and so-journ for several years in the land of Egypt! What piercings of soul must have been hers when she saw her Son despised and rejected of men! What grief must have wrung her heart as she beheld him hated and persecuted by his own nation! And who can estimate what she passed through as she stood there at the cross? If Christ was the Man of Sorrows, was she not the woman of sorrows?" A.W. Pink
- Important Life Lesson
 - **Sorrow comes to even those whom Jesus dearly loves**
 - Love and sickness are not incompatible
 - Lazarus – Jesus, the one you love is sick
- But there is another point related to sorrow
 - Jesus doesn't forget us in our sorrow
- Jesus was suffering – yet he made sure Mary was taken care of
- The disciple Jesus loved
 - John –
 - He was the only disciple at the cross
 - The others scattered and were hiding
- From that point on John took care of Mary

The Cross Reveals our true nature

- The Religious Leaders – cold hearted murderers
- Pilate – coward
- One thief – repentant
- Other thief – mocker
- Soldiers – selfish and greedy
- Mary – heart broken
- John – forgiven and faithful
- Jesus – Willing Savior, Sovereign and Son!!!

What does the cross reveal about you?

- **Galatians 6:14(NIV)**
 - ¹⁴May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Gospel of John Chapter 19 Part IV

John 19:28-37(NIV)

²⁸Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

- Knowing all was now completed
 - So that scripture would be fulfilled
- Who is in charge?
 - Jesus
 - His death was not an unfortunate result of circumstances. It was God’s divine plan from the beginning
 - “Every important detail of the great Tragedy had been written down beforehand.” A.W. Pink

BETRAYED BY FRIEND – Psalms 41:9(NIV) ⁹Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

FORSAKEN BY DISCIPLES – Psalms 31:11(NIV) ¹¹Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; I am a dread to my friends— those who see me on the street flee from me.

FALSE ACCUSATION – Psalms 35:11(NIV) ¹¹Ruthless witnesses come forward; they question me on things I know nothing about.

SILENCE BEFORE JUDGES - Isaiah 53:7(NIV) ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

PROVEN WITHOUT GUILT - Isaiah 53:9(NIV) ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS – Isaiah 53:12(NIV) ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

CRUCIFIED - Psalms 22:16(NIV) ¹⁶Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

MOCKED - Psalms 109:25(NIV) ²⁵I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.

GARMENTS GAMBLED FOR - Psalms 22:18(NIV) ¹⁸They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

PRAYED FOR ENEMIES Isaiah 53:12(NIV) ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

FORSAKEN BY FATHER – Psalms 22:1(NIV) ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

COMMITTED HIS SPIRIT – Psalms 31:5(NIV) ⁵Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

NOT ONE BONE BROKEN – Psalms 34:20(NIV) ²⁰he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

BURIED IN BORROWED TOMB - Isaiah 53:9(NIV) ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

All prophecies centuries before they came to pass

- “I am thirsty”
 - To us water is beautiful (water fall, ocean), refreshing (cold, quenches thirst like nothing else)
 - We go to the faucet and there it is
 - We grab a bottle and there it is
 - In the Bible – Water speaks of life – thirst was a very real problem
 - In Genesis herdsman fought over wells
 - In Exodus – panic over water threatens Moses’ leadership
 - Jesus uses water to tell of eternal life
 - Those who thirst will be quenched
 - **Revelation 22:1-3(NIV)**
 - ¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
 - ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
 - ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.
 - There will be plenty of water
 - Never thirst again
 - Thirst is a result of the curse of sin
- Jesus said he was thirsty
 - **Psalms 22:14-15(NIV)** ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
 - His humanity is emphasized
 - He was not deified man
 - Or humanized God
 - He was God-Man
 - Born a baby- Grew in wisdom and stature - Grew weary - Was hungry – Slept - Felt pain
 - Here He says He is thirsty
 - Jesus suffered
 - Not because of his own sin
 - But because of ours
 - “The one who suffers most is not necessarily the greatest sinner. Nor is the one who suffers less more innocent.” Boice

- Jesus entered into our sufferings in order to defeat sin and be delivered from its effects for all eternity.

²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

- Also a fulfillment of Scripture
 - **Psalms 69:21(NIV)** ²¹They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Jesus was in control!

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- After the last prophecy was fulfilled
- Jesus said "It is finished"
 - These are not the words of the defeated
 - They are a declaration of victory!!
 - "History has culminated in the finished work of Jesus on the cross"
 - **Galatians 4:4-5(NIV)**

⁴But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,

⁵to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
 - **Romans 3:21-26(NIV)**

²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **"I fought the Law and the Gospel Won!"**

²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished

²⁶he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

1. HE IS OUR SUBSTITUTE

- Adam and Eve
- God sacrificed an animal in their place
- On the Cross
 - God sacrificed His Son in our place

We need a substitutionary sacrifice! IT IS FINISHED

2. HE IS OUR PROPITIATION – appeasing the wrath of God

- Holy of Holies – presence of God – only the High Priest once a year could come near

- Mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant
- When God looked down He saw the Broken Law
- Blood was sprinkled on the seat
- When God looked down He saw the blood
 - An innocent had died to bear the penalty of our sin
 - This sacrifice did not remove sin
 - It pointed us forward to the death of Jesus would remove our sin
- Jesus died – shed his blood
 - Not to cover but remove our sin
- Now the veil was torn
 - The Holy of Holies is open to all who believe through the blood of Jesus

We need to have our sins removed as far as the east is from the west
 We need God's Mercy and Grace to avert our just punishment
 Jesus' death provides it – IT IS FINISHED

3. RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18-19(NIV)

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

- Because of Sin we are separated from God.
- We need to "be made one" again with God
- Through Jesus death we are brought back into relationship with God
 - For now - For Ever

IT IS FINISHED

Romans 3:21-26(TMSG)

²¹But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened.

²²The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this.

²³Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us,

²⁴God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

²⁵God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured.

²⁶This is not only clear, but it's *now*—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness.

Gospel of John Chapter 19 Part V

John 19:31-37(NIV)

³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

- I have entitled this scripture “The Rot of Religion” apart from a relationship with God
- They orchestrated the premeditated murder of the innocent Son of God and their only concern was that the bodies were not left on the cross during the Sabbath
 - Spurgeon – “Religious scruples may live in a dead conscience”
- They broke the legs so the person being crucified was unable to lift himself up to breath.
- It brought a quicker death
- Pilate didn’t care about the bodies so he order their legs broken and bodies taken down

³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.

³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”

³⁷and, as another scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.”

- When they got to Jesus – he had already died so there was no need to break his legs
- What is the significance of this report.
 - He was very much dead
 - Soldiers knew what they were doing as it related to crucifixion
 - He was really dead –
 - He was really resurrected
 - He did not swoon – seemed to be dead but wasn’t and then revived later
 - Also later during John’s day the Gnostics denied Jesus was a real man and had a real body
 - Jesus’ death and resurrection were real as witnessed by an eyewitness – John
 - These events were a fulfillment of scripture
 - This is probably John’s point because it has been his point throughout
 - The religious leaders were not in control
 - The Romans were not in control
 - Jesus was in control

- Everything was happening according to God’s will and plan for redemption
- **Psalms 34:20(NIV)**
²⁰he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.
- **Zechariah 12:10(NIV)**
¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.
 - The soldiers actually set out to do the opposite of these prophecies
 - They set out to break his legs – no need to
 - They ended up piercing his side
 - Both fulfilling scripture
- Spurgeon – “ That our Lord’s bones should remain unbroken, and yet that he should be pierced, seemed a very unlikely thing; but it was carried out. When next you meet with an unlikely promise, believe it firmly. When next you see things working contrary to the truth of God, believed God, and believe nothing else. Let God be true and every man a liar. Though men and devils should give God the lie, hold you on to what God has spoken; for heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one jot or tittle of his word shall fall to the ground.”
- The fact that Jesus’ bones were not broken point to Him being the Passover Lamb
 - **Exodus 12:46(NIV)**
⁴⁶“It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.
 - **Numbers 9:12(NIV)**
¹²They must not leave any of it till morning or break any of its bones. When they celebrate the Passover, they must follow all the regulations.
 - Passover is the event in which God delivered His people
 - God was sending an angel of death to kill the firstborn of Egypt.
 - If they would sprinkle the blood of a Lamb over their doorpost
 - When he would see the blood. The death angel would “Pass Over”.
 - Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of that important OT figure.
 - We are sinners, we deserve to die. But Jesus died in our place.
 - His blood has cleansed our sin
 - Death will now Pass Over all who trust in Jesus
- The water and the blood point to another truth
 - **Zechariah 13:1(NIV)**
¹“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.
 - Blood was for cleansing Sin
 - Water for purification

- John knew the deliverance and cleansing from sin and its defilement are to be found in Jesus' death. Boice
- There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.
- The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in His day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.
- Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Are safe, to sin no more.
- E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.
- When this poor, lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

The Gospel of John

Chapter 19 Part VI

We learned last week that Jesus was indeed dead.

- No need to break his legs
- Pierced his side – water and blood ran out

Now we are going to see that great care was taken to lay prepare and lay Jesus' body in the tomb.

Now we are about to meet on new character in the story and revisit an old yet prominent character. They are described by some as secret disciples.

LABC - Two secret disciples of Jesus came forward to take care of Jesus' burial. They both had feared persecution from the Jewish religious leaders, so they had not openly declared their faith in Jesus as the Messiah (see 12:42). Secrecy and true belief are only temporary allies. Those who try to be permanent, secret disciples have no way of knowing if their faith is real. God will create moments along the way when even those who are secret disciples will have to declare themselves or be forced to admit that they are not disciples after all. In the case of Joseph and Nicodemus, late was certainly better than never!

John 19:38-42(NIV)

³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.

- Joseph was from Arimathea, a town not exactly pinpointed today but generally considered to have been about twenty miles northwest of Jerusalem.
- Matthew says Joseph was “a rich man” (Matthew 27:57 niv);
- Mark describes him as “a prominent member of the council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God” (Mark 15:43 niv);
- Luke adds further that he was “a good and upright man, who had not consented to [the council's] decision and action” (Luke 23:50-51 niv).
 - *We fear men so much, because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man's terror scares you, turn your thoughts to the wrath of God.* —William Gurnall
- Joseph would not have been able to stop the council's planned murder of Jesus, but he did what he could afterwards by boldly going to Pilate to ask for Jesus' body so he could give it a proper burial.
- He had to ask for permission because the Romans usually left the bodies exposed without burial, both as a lesson to anyone passing by, and as a final humiliation for those executed. So Joseph went to ask Pilate, and Pilate agreed to let him take and bury the body.
- It took great courage at this point to identify with Jesus
 - The Sanhedrin hated Jesus and were glad to be “done” with Him – lol

- At some point we all have to take a stand for Jesus or move away from Him altogether

³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.^o

- Nicodemus we know a little about
 - He was on the Sanhedrin
 - He came to Jesus at night
 - Jesus discussed in detail what it means to be born again
 - Nicodemus had stood up for Jesus in 7:50-52
- He came with Joseph of Arimathea to take down the body but also embalm and wrap Jesus body
 - 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes
 - It must have cost a lot of money
 - **Isaiah 53:9(NIV)**
⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
 - God was in control even after death
 - Another fulfillment of prophecy
- They had been secret believers but now were making a stand for Jesus

⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

- The *Jewish burial customs* did not include mummifying or embalming; instead, they washed the body, then wrapped it in a cloth soaked with aromatic oils and spices (thus the *myrrh and aloes* brought by Nicodemus).
- They must not of been thinking of resurrection because they wouldn't have taken so much effort for a "Temporary Situation"

⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

- Matthew tells us that the tomb was Joseph of Arimathea's
- The tomb had been carved out the rock
- It was sealed by the rolling of a large stone over the entrance so no one could easily enter

The death of Jesus made a dramatic change in the lives of four people. The criminal, dying on the cross beside Jesus, asked Jesus to include him in his kingdom (Luke 23:39-43). The Roman centurion proclaimed that Jesus was the Son of God Mark 15:39). Joseph and Nicodemus, members of the Jewish council and secret followers of Jesus (John 7:50-51), came out of hiding. Each of these men were changed more by Jesus' death than by his life. As a result of realizing who Jesus was, they believed and put their faith into words and actions. When confronted with Jesus and his death we should also be changed—to believe, proclaim, and act.

Warren Wiersbe says

When Nicodemus first visited Jesus, he was impressed with His miracles and His teachings; but he could not understand what it meant to be born again. Certainly after that interview, Nicodemus searched the Scriptures and asked God for guidance concerning these important spiritual matters. At the critical council meeting recorded in John 7:45-53, Nicodemus boldly stood up and defended the Saviour! His associates ridiculed him for thinking that a prophet could come out of Galilee! “Search, and look!” they said—and that is exactly what Nicodemus did.

It is likely that Joseph quietly joined him and revealed the fact that he too was more and more convinced that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed Israel’s Messiah, the Son of God. As Nicodemus and Joseph searched the Old Testament, they would find the messianic prophecies and discover that many of them had been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Certainly they would see Him as the “Lamb of God” and conclude that He would be sacrificed at Passover. Jesus had already told Nicodemus that He would be “lifted up” (John 3:14), and this meant crucifixion. Since the Passover lambs were slain about 3 p.m., the two men could know almost the exact time when God’s Lamb would die on the cross!

Surely they would read Isaiah 53 and notice verse 9—“And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death.” Jesus would be buried in a rich man’s tomb! Joseph arranged to have the tomb hewn out, and the men assembled the cloths and spices needed for the burial.

They may have been hiding in the tomb all during the six hours of our Lord’s agony on the cross. When they heard, “It is finished! Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit!” they knew that He was dead; and they went to work. They boldly identified with Jesus Christ at a time when He seemed like a failure and His cause hopelessly defeated. As far as we know, of all the disciples, only John was with them at the cross.

What difference has Jesus death made in our lives?

- Don’t be a secret disciple