

The Death of Jesus

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The Act

John 19:17-18

So they took Jesus, **17** and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. **18** There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

Where was Jesus taken? List the details John includes in these two verses.

John 19:19-22

19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." **20** Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. **21** So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" **22** Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

What did the sign that Pilate had nailed to the cross say? What three languages was it written in and why?

What was the chief priests' reaction to the sign? Why? What did they want it to say? Why?

Colossians 2:13-14

13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

According to Colossians, what else is “nailed to the cross” and what is the result?

The Soldiers

John 19:23-24 23

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,

and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things..

Psalm 22:18 18 - they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

What did the soldiers do in these verses?

What is significant about their actions?

By taking Jesus' garments, how did the soldiers increase the suffering of Jesus?

The Grieving Witnesses

John 19 25-27

25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.**26** When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" **27** Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Who gathered at the foot of the cross, grieving for Jesus? Who is missing?

What did Jesus say to His mother? To John? How does this show Jesus' love?

What was the new relationship between Mary and John?

Death

John 19 28-30

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." **29** A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. **30** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

What three things does Jesus say in these verses? Discuss what Jesus means by "It is finished".

John 10: 17-18

17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Reread John 19:30. How does John 10:17-18 relate to John 19:30?

The Last Words of Christ from the Cross

From parallel passages about the crucifixion, these are the recorded last words of Jesus. Write a one or two word response to each one.

- 1. Luke 23:34 - And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do..."**

- 2. Luke 23:43 - And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."**

- 3. John 19:26-27 "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"**

- 4. Matt 27:46 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
(Also Mark 15:34)**

- 5. John 19:28 - "I thirst"**

- 6. John 19:30 - "It is finished"**

- 7. Luke 23:46 - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"**

Notes:

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Application:

Isaiah 53:3-5

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

What part did you, personally, have in the crucifixion of Jesus? What response have you had to His death?

Does the death of Jesus impact you in your daily life? How? If not, what practical things can you do to make it have an impact?

Which part of this passage spoke to you most?

In response to the study, take a few minutes to pray at your table.

*If you have any questions about salvation, please feel free to stay and talk to your table leader.

Next week - John 19:31-42