

John 19

For Us

“Not this Man, but Barabbas!”

- **Religious Jews:** Condemning good/embracing evil. Why?
 1. No love of God
 2. No love of Good
 3. **No love of Truth**...vulnerable to deception and will welcome AC

John 5:42 ...I know you, that you do not have the **love of God in you**. 43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; **if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.**

Luke 19:14 [Parable] [Kings] citizens **hated him**, and sent a delegation after him, saying, '**We will not have this man to reign over us.**' [okay...]

2 Thessalonians 2:11 [Receive AC] ...because they did not receive the **love of the truth**

**Presently...Those He came to save screaming “Crucify Him!”
Pilate wants to appease the crowd...**

I. Soldiers Mock their Creator

1 So then Pilate took Jesus and **scourged Him**. 2 And the soldiers twisted a **crown of thorns** and put it on His head, and they put on Him a **purple robe**.

Jesus took our Punishment: Scourged

- **Scourged:**
 1. Victim tied to post; back pulled tight
 2. Whip handle w/several cords of leather
 3. Attached to cords: Jagged bone and metal
 4. Victim usually fainted or died
- **Communion context:** This is My body broken... *for you*

Isaiah 53:5 ...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.**

- **Wounded:** lit. profaned, polluted, defiled... *for our sin*
- **Bruised;** lit. allow Himself to be crushed/shattered... *for our sin*
- **Chastised:** For our sin to bring peace between us and God
- **Scourged: That we might be healed...**
 1. **Physical Healing:** “Natural” Healing cut -Supernatural healing of cancer/coma
 2. **Spiritual Healing:** Salvation and Eternal life as Jesus takes our punishment

- Jesus took our Punishment for sin
- **Next...**

Jesus took our Curse: A Twisted Crown of Thorns placed on His Head

- **World is twisted/ perverted:** Everything Almost but not quite
- **Began with Adam and Eve's sin:** Disobeyed Holy God and everything changed
 1. Universe and all creation including man convulsed/twisted... stayed that way
 2. God cursed both man and creation and we live **in that** till He comes back
 3. Separation from God was result of sin
 4. Thorns/thistles were part of the **curse for sin...**

Genesis 3:17 "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...**

- Curse of Sin/Death thick blanket over face of earth

We can feel it every day! One day curse will be reversed!

Isaiah 25:7 [God] will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the **veil that is spread over all nations.** 8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will **wipe away tears from all faces;** The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; **We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."**

- Jesus figuratively took the curse upon His head: Crown of Thorns
- Jesus will practically remove the curse forever ...

Song of Solomon 2:10 [Jesus to Bride] "Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away. 11 For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. 12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!"

- Jesus took the punishment for our sin
- Jesus took the curse caused by sin
- Finally, Jesus took the **humiliation; result of our sin**

Jesus took our Humiliation: Purple Robe

- **Purple Robe place on naked bleeding body:** Mocking Jesus as a King
- Jesus was clothed in humiliation for our sin even as He covers our sin
 1. Adam and Eve humiliated/embarrassed by what they had done
 2. Fig leaves [Religion] didn't cut it. **God made a temporary covering for sin...**

Genesis 3:21 [So the] Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

- **Temporary covering:** Blood must be shed to cover sin

- Jesus would cover us with an Eternal Covering [later]
 1. Jesus took the punishment for our sin
 2. Jesus took the curse caused by our sin
 3. Jesus took the humiliation...the result of our sin

Romans 6:21 What fruit did you have then in the things of **which you are now ashamed**? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been **set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your **fruit to holiness**, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in **Christ Jesus our Lord**.

Everything Jesus is going through is a gift from Him to us

- Scourging to heal, Crown of Thorns take the curse and Purple Robe to take our shame

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

- **Treatment of their Creator:** Mocked, Humiliated, and Beaten

Bad guys? Humanity does same when we deny/scorn the **Creation's Creator**
Wise become fools as they embrace random chance as their god

- **Soldiers were without excuse:** Fell back at Jesus I AM
- **World is without excuse:** We step back at awesomeness of creation/deny Creator

Romans 1:20 ...since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the **things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools

- **Psalm 14** The fool says in his heart there is no God... then they act like it...

Struck Him with their hands; **Hands He took so much care and thought to create**

Psalm 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

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.**"

- Find no fault in Him? John 18:38, 19:4, 19:6

SUMMARY Soldiers Mock their Creator

II. Pilate and Jesus

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

And Pilate said to them, "**Behold the Man!**"

- **Behold the Man:** Picture of Jesus in Scripture...

Isaiah 53:2b... [As a Boy] There is **no beauty** that we should desire Him.³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Isaiah 52:14 [As a Man at 1st] ... His visage [appearance] was **marred more than any man**, And His form more than the sons of men...

Revelation 1:14 [As the Judge at 2nd] His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters...

Behold the Man Behold the Man. True Man. Lover of God and Man

Jesus: 100% Man and 100% God

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." 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."

- **When they saw Him: Face and back unrecognizable/distorted/grotesque?**

Not enough for those who hate. "Crucify Him. Crucify Him!"

- **We have the Law:** Don't question us or we will turn you over to Caesar

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

- **Saying:** We will turn you over to Caesar
- **Pilate:** Been afraid now more afraid

1. Driven by the Fear of man
2. Caving to People Pleasing...behold the man?

9 ...and [Pilate] went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "**Where are You from?**" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then Pilate said to Him, "**Are You not speaking to me?** Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

- **Sound of Fear:** 3 Questions...

1. Where are You from?
2. Why don't you answer?
3. Don't you realize I have power over You?

11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above."

- **You have NO power**
 1. Fear has power over you
 2. People have power over you
 3. You are a puppet in the hands of God

11b... Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the **greater sin.**"

We are all Responsible for the Light given and what we do with it

- **Romans:** Heard stories/were at the Garden/ see Creation: **They were responsible**
- **Jews:** All that and Scripture: 300+ Specific Prophecies regarding Messiah 1st coming

Luke 7:22 [J-B questions if Jesus is Messiah] "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. [c.f. Is 35, 61 etc.]

- Jews were accountable after hearing Word of God
- We are accountable when we hear the Word of God

Mark 4:24 [Jesus] "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

- Jew were given much and were more accountable than Pilate

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."

- We are going to tell Caesar

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.

- Heard that saying 2x v8:

"If you release him...will tell Caesar you accepted another king"

- Whatever happens next is motivated by fear/people-pleasing; i.e. **cowardness**

14 Now it was the Preparation **Day of the Passover**, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "**Behold your King!**"

- **12 Noon on Day of Passover:** 300,000 Lamb wandering around Jerusalem

Pilate begins playing with Jews: Behold your King

False courage/charade to save face...

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!**"

- **No king but Caesar:** Rome took over Israel. They hated Caesar. Worst enemy.

16 Then [Pilate] delivered [Jesus] to [the Jews] to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

- Pilate wants as least to do with this as possible. Still Guilty.

SUMMARY Pilate and Jesus

II. King on a Cross

17 And He, **bearing His cross**, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

- **Bearing His cross:** Humiliation; i.e. bearing own instrument of death

Matthew 16:24 ...Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever **loses his life** for My sake will find it.

- **Humility is the instrument of death that kills the "old man" sin nature**
- Are we ready to be humbled for Christ in front of a watching world w/out retaliating?
 1. Lose status
 2. Lose family
 3. Lose job
 4. Lose notoriety
 5. Lose what others call "life" for real life?

What does Carrying our Cross at Street Level really look like?

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

- **Carrying our Cross looks like humility:** Knowing who we are before man and God

Romans 12:9 [Read] Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

- **Carrying our Cross;** i.e. Instrument of Death to Self? Walking in humility

1. God first. Others next. Us last.
2. Losing our pride, arrogance, entitlement mentality

Carried His cross to the Golgotha where He was nailed to it...

- **Golgotha:** gr. Krä-nē'-on / Skull/ **Calvary**; rock mound looks like skull
 1. Place Jesus took our sin. Became sin for us.
 2. Place we leave our sin behind...at the cross. Pilgrim.

19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. **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**. **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.'" **22** Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

- **God pulled Pilate's strings:** Write in Hebrew, Greek and Latin; i.e. **King of Kings**
- Not only King of Jews but King of Nations...

Psalm 22:28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He **rules over the nations**.

Psalm 47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! **7** For **God is the King of all the earth**; Sing praises with understanding. **8** God **reigns over the nations**; God sits on His holy throne. **9**...the shields **[rulers] of the earth belong to God**; He is greatly exalted.

- Anyone from any nation could read what was written...

The King of all the Israel, earth, galaxies, universes and whatever beyond... **is on a cross**

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. **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.

- **Psalm 22:18** [c.f.] Later
- Gambled for Jesus clothing...

Doubtless, on the dice there fell the blood of Christ, yet they still gambled there. There is, perhaps, no sin which so effectually hardens the heart as that of gambling; it is a sin with which Christians should not have even the reluctant connection. [Spurgeon]

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

- **4 Woman at the Cross**

1. Mary Magdalen: Jesus delivered her of seven demons
2. Salome: Mother of Zebedee's sons

Matthew 20:21 [Request for Jesus] "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

3. Mary wife of Clopas
4. **Mary: Jesus mother**

Luke 2:34 [Prophecy at Jesus dedication as baby] "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Jesus in unspeakable pain. Blood pouring down from the cross
Passover Lambs being slaughtered in Jerusalem. Mary's Lamb on Cross

26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold your son!**" 27 Then [Jesus] said to the disciple, "**Behold your mother!**" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

- **NOTE:** Jesus does not ask His brothers but John to take care of His mother
- **Woman?** Calling Mary mom would have added to her already unspeakable pain. Pain of having a child die first...*Jesus is not thinking about Himself*

Mary...John will take care of you now
God's Heart toward His children is to cover, protect and keep us

- **Adam and Eve's temporary covering:**

1. Sinned and realized naked. Satan offered fig leaves [religion]
2. Still Cold/confused/ alone and naked and embarrassed and itchy

God saw their need and made a provision to cover their sin

- Blood needed to be shed...

Hebrews 9:22 ... without shedding of blood there is no remission. [of sin]

- God Himself sacrificed first animal. The first death. Blood.

Genesis 3:21 ... **Lord God made** tunics of skin, and clothed them.

- God saw us from the cross struggling in our sin and made provision...we were helpless

Ezekiel 16:6 "...when **I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!'** Yes, **I said to you in your blood, 'Live!'** 7 I made you thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, matured, and became very beautiful. Your breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you were **naked and bare.** 8 "When I passed by

you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so **I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness.** Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and **you became Mine,**" says the Lord God.

- God Saw us. Made provision for us. Covered us.

Psalm 32:1 [David] Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose **sin is covered.**

- Animal sacrifices covered us for a time
- Jesus Sacrifice covers us Forever...

Hebrews 9:12 [Jesus came to the Father on our behalf...] 12 Not with the **blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered** the Most Holy Place **once for all,** having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 10:8 [Jesus to the Father] "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "**Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.**" He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will **we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

From the cross Jesus saw me/you struggling in our sin as His blood flowed

- **Takes away our sin/shame as far as East from West and...**
 1. Covers us in His Grace
 2. Covers us in His Mercy
 3. Covers us in His Righteousness
 4. Covers us in His Truth
 5. Covers us in His Love
 6. Covers us in His Goodness
 7. Covers us with Himself for Eternity... **never to be uncovered again**

**Good News? If you have Jesus you are covered
Jesus sacrifice is greater than all our sin. Any sin. Every sin.**

IV. It Is Finished

28 After this...

- **After what?**
 1. Last Supper
 2. **Midnight?** Garden of Gethsemane
 3. **5am:** Betrayal and Arrest
 4. **6am:** Jesus before Pilate then sent to Herod
 5. **7am:** Jesus returned to Pilate and sentenced to death
 6. **8am:** Jesus led to Calvary; the Scull
 7. **9am:** Jesus is Crucified/Soldiers cast lots for clothing. Naked

What were the Thoughts of Jesus on Cross?

Psalm 22:1 [Read] [David 1000 BC before crucifixion invented by Persians] **My God, My**

God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. 6 But **I am a worm, and no man**; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

7 All those who see Me **ridicule Me**; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" 9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. 11 Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong **bulls of Bashan have encircled Me**. 13 They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a **raging and roaring lion**. 14 I am **poured out like water**, And all My **bones are out of joint**; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. 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.

16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The **congregation of the wicked** has enclosed Me. They **pierced My hands and My feet**; 17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. 18 They **divide My garments** among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. 19 But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! 20 Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! [Resurrection] You have answered Me. 22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly **I will praise You**.

Seven statements from Cross

- **Statement One 9am** [O] Crucified "Father, forgive them they know not what they do."

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and **pray for those who spitefully use you** and persecute you

- Hard to hate and pray for someone at same time. Real heart change happens.
- First statement: Forgive them, next not in John...

Luke 23:40 [One of those crucified next to Jesus mocked] But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And Jesus said to him, **"Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."**

- **Statement Two 11am** [O] "... today you will be with Me in paradise."
- **Statement Three 11am** "Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother" v26
- **Statement Four 1pm** [O] "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Why did John omit this? Too much for him?

Father turns from the Son. Jesus is totally alone. Engulfed in our sin. Blackness.

28b... Jesus, knowing that **all things were now accomplished**, that the

Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **"I thirst!"** 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.

- Knowing all things were now accomplished? Penalty for our sin was paid

**Jesus refused first cup wine: Mixed w/myrrh as pain reliever
Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath full-strength/undiluted for us**

- Cup Jesus sweat drops of blood over in Garden of Gethsemane

Luke 22:42 "Father, if it is Your will, **take this cup** away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done."

- **Cup of God's wrath:**

1. God is just and because He is just, **He must punish sin**
2. Instead of punishing us He punished His only Son in our place...

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- **Propitiation** gr. *hē-lā-smo's* Lit. To appease the wrath of God due us

2 Corinthians 5:21 ...He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 3:21 [Read] But now the righteousness of God **apart from the law** is revealed, being witnessed [not contradicted] by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, 24 being justified **freely by His grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might **be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- **To the one who believes:**

1. **He is the just One:** Demands payment for our sin
2. **He is the Justifier:** He Himself took penalty for our sin. Payed in full.

- **All things are now accomplished:**

Luke 12:49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am **till it is accomplished!**"

All things were now accomplished
But that the Scripture would be fulfilled...

- **Statement Five** 1pm "I thirst" fulfilling Psalm 22

Psalm 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.

- **Put the sponge on Hyssop?**

1. **Sponge:** Lowest form of life lifted up to the One who is Life
2. **Hyssop:** Speaks of being cleansed by blood

Psalm 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

- **Hyssop:** Brush used to put blood on doors in Egypt as death passed

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **"It is finished!"**

- **Statement Six** 2pm "It is finished!"

Possibly the most freeing Words a Sinner could hear... "It is finished"

- **What is finished?** Payment for our sin. Every sin. All sin.
 1. Everything needed to secure our safety from Gods wrath
 2. Everything needed to secure an Eternity of God's Blessing

Ephesians 2:7 ...that in the ages to come He might show the **exceeding riches** of His grace in **His kindness toward** us in Christ Jesus

Gift has been purchased but must be accepted

- *gr. Tetelestai!* **It is Finished or "Paid in Full"**

Tetelestai! "It was a Conqueror's cry; it was uttered with a loud voice. There is nothing of anguish about it, there is no wailing in it. It is the cry of One who has completed a tremendous labor." [Spurgeon]

- **Statement Seven** 3pm...[o]

Luke 23:44 Now it was about the **sixth hour**, and there was darkness over all the earth until the **ninth hour** [12 noon to 3pm]. 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.

- **9am- 3pm**

1. **Darkness over entire earth:** Died for sins of the world
2. **Then the sun was darkened:** What was the previous darkness?
3. **Temple veil supernaturally torn from top to bottom:** Access to God
4. **Last [7th] Statement from Cross:** Father into Your hands I commit My Spirit"

30b... And bowing His head, [Jesus] gave up His spirit.

- After 6 hours on the cross Jesus bowed His head...and died

John 10:18 No one takes [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay

it down, and **I have power to take it again**

- **Bowed His head.** Final Act of earthly ministry

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.

Deuteronomy 21:23 [A] 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.

- Jews do not want to defile Sabbath by leaving body on cross till morning

Their consciences were not wounded by the murder of Jesus, but they were greatly moved by the fear of ceremonial pollution. *Religious scruples may live in a dead conscience...We have heard of a Spanish bandit* who confessed to his priest, after having murdered a great many persons, not his robberies and his murders, but the fact that a drop of blood had spurted on to his lips on a Friday, and thus he had defiled the feast day by taking animal food! Ah me! Conscience is a strange thing, yet some call it "the [agent of God]." I believe it is no such thing, but that it very soon becomes as depraved as any other power of the human mind: we have need of far more than conscience to keep us right. [Spurgeon]

- **Jews asked Pilate to break their legs?**
 1. Crucifixion could last up to 3 days
 2. Break legs with huge iron bar
 3. Quick/Horrifying death by suffocation

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

- **Two thieves with two destinies breath their last**
 1. **Unrepentant Thief** Forever in Hell
 2. **Repentant Thief** Intense pain. Pain no more. Forever in with Lord

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they **did not break His legs**. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood and water** came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "**Not one of His bones shall be broken.**" 37 And again another Scripture says, "**They shall look on Him whom they pierced.**"

- **OT prophecies fulfilled:**
 1. **Psalm 34:20** [God] guard all his bones, not one of them is broken

Numbers 9:12 [Passover Lamb] ...leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones.

2. **Zechariah 12** ...then they will look on **Me** whom they pierced.

Zechariah 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. [yet to be fulfilled...] Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- Jews: Accept their Savior and weep finally remembering the day of their visitation...

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all **the tribes of the earth will mourn** because of Him. Even so, Amen.

- **Blood and Water flowed from Jesus side:** Fluids in birthing process...
 1. As Eve was taken from First Adam's side in Genesis 2
 2. So, **Bride of Christ** was birthed by Blood and Water from Last Adam's side

1 Corinthians 15:45 "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a **life-giving spirit**.

Jesus "birthed the Bride; His death brought us life

- **V 35 John confirms he is telling the truth:**
 1. Being an eye witness to these fulfilled prophecies
 2. Recorded the event **that the reader may believe. What?**
- **We must believe...**
 1. That Jesus was truly dead so we will believe
 2. That Jesus truly rose from the dead

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

- **Wealthy Joe/Honorable Nick at Night:** Undercover believers feared Religious
- **Courage:** Publicly carry Jesus body past people and to tomb.

Unashamed of the Gospel; i.e. No ashamed of man on cross but bold...

1. Publicly speaking Truth as Jesus did
2. Publicly walking in Love as Jesus did
3. Publicly sharing the Gospel as Jesus did!

Romans 1:16 For I am **not ashamed** of the gospel of Christ, for it is the **power of God** to

salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

- Everyone who was, is or going to be saved must **come to the cross...**

1 Corinthians 1:18 ...the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- **Joe and Nick:** Former undercover believers **now unashamed...**
 1. Lives on line
 2. Reputation on line
 3. Elite status on line...
 4. Religious standing on line.

Same attitude as those who leave cults for Truth.
...let chips fall where may. Jesus is worth it!

40 Then [Joseph and Nicodemus] took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

- Bound Jesus body in strips dipped in 100 pounds of spices

Matthew 2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- **Gold:** Jesus is King of Kings
- **Frankincense:** Jesus is our Eternal High Priest\
- **Myrrh: Jesus the Prophet;** i.e. Myrrh [burial spice] speaks prophetically of His death

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

- **Four Gardens:**
 1. **Garden of Eden** First Adam made a fatal choice brought death
 2. **Garden of Gethsemane** Second Adam made choice brought new life
 3. **Garden Tomb** Everything Jesus said and did is confirmed
 4. **Garden of Heaven** **Where healing replaces Hurting forever...**

Revelation 22:1 And [the angel] showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the **tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the **healing of the nations**. 3 And there shall be **no more curse**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

