

John 19 Good Thursday 2026

For Us

- **Tradition:** Friday Crucifixion
- **Problem:** Can't fit 3 Days/3 nights into a Friday crucifixion
- **Dilemma:** Jesus was taken off the cross before the Sabbath
- **Resolution:** 2 Sabbaths on Passover Week
 1. **Mat 28:1** gr. *sabbatōn*: Plural form of Sabbath [2], i.e. High and Regular
 2. **John 19:31** Special/High Sabbath before regular Sabbath
- **Wednesday:** Last Supper
- **Thursday:** Jesus is crucified/buried before high sabbath begins sundown Thurs
- **Late Thursday-Early Sunday:** Jesus is in the tomb 3 days 3 nights
- **Early Sunday:** Jesus rises from the dead the first day of the week. Most important.

Jesus willingly suffered in perfect obedience to His Father
Demonstrating His abundant love for us *while we were still sinners*

Romans 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

I. Prologue

Mark 14:24 ... This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. 25 Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

V 26 And when they had sung a hymn
They went out to the Mount of Olives...

Luke 22:41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, **take this cup away from Me**; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**" 43 Then [after 3X] an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And **being in agony**, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great **drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

- **Agony:** gr. *agōnia*. Lit. a struggle for victory. Wrestling of severe mental struggles and emotions, anguish rt. Place of contest. Arena.

Mark 14:42 Rise, let us be going. See, **My betrayer is at hand...**

- Judas now possessed betrays Jesus w/a kiss
- Jesus led to Sanhedrin: Jewish Religious Court

Mark 14:61b ...the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "**Are You the Christ**, the Son of the Blessed? 62 Jesus said, "**I am**. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?"

...and they all condemned Jesus as deserving of death

Mark 14:65 Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.

Mark 15:1b ...and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate. 2 Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered and said to him, "**It is as you say.**"

II. For Our Transgression

1 So then Pilate took Jesus and **scourged Him.**

Jesus Took the Punishment we Deserve

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.**

For our Transgression
His Body Broken...His Beauty Ravaged Willingly

- **Wounded:** Profaned, polluted, defiled... *for our sin*
- **Bruised:** Crushed/shattered... *for our sin*
- **Chastised:** Disciplined for a crime He did not commit...*for our sin*
- **Scourged: That we might be healed...**
 1. Back pulled tight
 2. Cords of leather
 3. Jagged bone/metal tearing muscle

Jesus Took our Punishment
Jesus Carried our Curse

2 And the soldiers **twisted a crown of thorns** and **put it on His head...**

The world is twisted/perverted: Everything Almost but not quite
God said no...we said yes...here we are. Living in the Curse.

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...**

Jesus took the curse upon His own head
Twisted Crown of Thorns

Galatians 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"...

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

Jesus Took our Punishment/Jesus Carried our Curse
Jesus Bore our Humiliation

2b ...and they put on Him a **purple robe**.

- **Purple Robe/Naked Bleeding Body:** Mocking Jesus claim as King

The One who was clothed in Humiliation
The same One who clothes us in Salvation

Genesis 3:21 [They saw they were naked so...] **the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.**

Isaiah 61:10 ...My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has **clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness**

Hebrews 12:1 [Jesus] who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, **despising the shame,** and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We no longer have to live in shame
Jesus did that for us even while hating the humiliation of it

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.**

Jesus Took our Punishment/Jesus Carried our Curse
Jesus here continues to bear our humiliation...

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

Psalms 14:1 The fool says in his heart there is no God... [then they act like it...]

Mocking/Humiliating/Beating their very Creator
Striking Him w/hands He created w/such intimate/intricate care...

Psalms 139:13 For You [Jesus] 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.**"

III. Behold the Man

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

Isaiah 52:14 ... His [appearance] was **marred more than any man...**

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."

Seeing Jesus unrecognizable as a human was not enough
Crucify Him!

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

Pilate was Governor of Rome over Israel
His Task: Keep the Jews Calm

His Weakness: Fear of Man
MORE afraid? Afraid of Jesus but *more afraid* of 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?"

- Voice of Fear: 3 Questions...
 1. Where are You from?
 2. Why don't You answer?
 3. Why don't you realize my power over You?

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

IOWs I can make this end right now
I give you every breath/Every heartbeat to be used for My purpose...

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

- Judas or Caiaphas

Those who brought Me to you have greater sin
You are still responsible for your own actions

12 **From then on** Pilate sought to release Him

- **From then on:** After Jesus revealed Pilate was God's puppet Pilate feared

12b ...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." 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.

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

Luke 12:4 ...do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, **after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!**

Pilate being driven by faulty motivations
Fear/People Pleasing/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!**" 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!**"

- Passover/Noon/300,000 Lambs wandering around Jerusalem

Pilate begins triggering the Jews: Behold your King/ Shall I crucify your King?
Temporary Insanity/Charade to save Face/Way to Fein Courage

We have no King by Ceasar
They hated Ceasar but hated Jesus more

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

IV. Behold the King

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 not nailed to His cross: Picture of Humiliation
IOWs Bearing one's own instrument of death

Matthew 16:24 ... 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.

Bearing our cross means humbling ourselves before God and man
Releasing all rights to Pride/Self-exaltation

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...** [Humbled Himself to death on a cross]

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

Romans 12:14 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.

Jesus Carried His cross to Golgotha/The Skull
There He was nailed to His cross in the center of two sinners...

Isaiah 53:12b ...He poured out His soul unto death, And He was **numbered with the transgressors**, And He bore the sin of many...

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 pulling the puppet strings of Pilate giving him courage
Write King of Kings in Hebrew, Greek and Latin

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

Psalms 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**...

All Nations would read the Inscription
The King of Israel, Earth, Universes, Galaxies ... is nailed to 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. **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: Delivered 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 who knew this day was coming...

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."

Unspeakable Pain. Blood pouring down from the Cross
Jesus thoughts are on us ...Exemplified in Mary/John

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.

- **Woman behold your son**
 1. IOWs Mary behold John who will care for you
 2. Woman? Calling her mother would have added to her pain
- **John behold your Mother:**
 1. Jesus asks John his Spiritual brother to take care of Mary
 2. John took her to his own home

From the cross Jesus saw us struggling in our sin even as His blood flowed
He saw us. Had mercy on us. Made provision for us. Covered us.

- Covers us in His Grace/Mercy
- Covers us in His Righteousness/Truth
- Covers us in His Love/Goodness
- Covers us w/Himself for Eternity...for that it cost Him everything ...

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour [3pm] Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"

V. It Is Finished

28 **After this** 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.

Jesus would not do anything to lessen the pain.
Previously refused wine w/Myrrh. Tastes bitter wine as per prophesy Psalm 69:21
Jesus drank the cup of God's full-strength/undiluted wrath for us

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:** He must punish sin
 2. **God is merciful:** Jesus died 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. Wrath taker

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.

All things are finally 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!**

- **Put the sponge on Hyssop?**

1. **Sponge:** Lowest form of life lifted up to the mouth of the giver of all life
2. **Hyssop:** Cleansing w/blood. E.g. Passover of Death angel

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

It is finished *Tetelestai!*

Payment in full for our sin. Every sin. All sin.

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]

Seven Statements from Cross

1. **9am** ...*Father, forgive them they know not what they do*
2. **11am** ...*Today you will be with Me in paradise*
3. **11am** ...*Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother*

12-3 Too holy to approach...Jesus Completely Abandoned for our Sin

1. Darkness over entire earth
2. Then the sun was darkened
3. Then Temple veil supernaturally torn from top to bottom

4. **3 pm** ...*My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?* [Luke]

Psalm 22:1 [David 1000 BC] **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 ...**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!" ...**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!

5. **3pm** *...I thirst*
6. **3pm** *...It is finished!*
7. **3pm** ...Father into your hands I commit My spirit [Luke]

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**

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

Two thieves w/Two destinies both taking their last breath on earth before Eternity
To one: Today you will be with me in Paradise

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.

- **Bride of the First Adam:** Taken from his side
- **Bride of the Second Adam:** Taken from His side. Blood/Water

Jesus allegorically "birthed" the Church the Bride.
IOWs Jesus death brought us/bought us Eternal Life

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

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**." 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.

- **Joe/Nick:** Former undercover believers ...

1. Lives on line
2. Reputation on line
3. Elite status on line...
4. Religious standing on line.

Romans 1:16 ...I am **not ashamed** of the gospel of Christ, for it is the **power of God** to salvation for everyone who believes...

...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.

- Three Gifts for the Child Jesus
 1. **Gold:** King
 2. **Frankincense:** Priest
 3. **Myrrh:** Prophet. Myrrh [burial spice] speaks prophetically of His death

...all things were now accomplished v28b

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:**

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| 1. Garden of Eden | First Adam made a fatal choice bringing death |
| 2. Garden of Gethsemane | Second Adam made choice brought new life |
| 3. Garden Tomb | Resurrection: All Words |
| | Vindicated/validated |
| 4. Garden of Heaven... | |

Where Eternal Joy replaces Temporal Suffering forever...

Revelation 22:3 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.

Jesus removed the curse forever ...

The Bride of the last Adam is now Positionally Perfected ready to go home...

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!"

On the Cross Jesus Took our Punishment/He Carried our Curse
He Bore our Humiliation. Then He died...To be continued in 3 Days