

**The Gospel of John**  
**What Happened on the Darkest Day? John 19:1-16**

**Intro:** There have been at least two dark days in history. John 19 is the record of one of these days and why it was such a dark day.

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ – 19:1-4**

This dark day has a beginning only because our sovereign Lord permitted it to be so as he is in full submission to the will of the Father.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ – 19:5**

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ Man – 19:4-5

B. An \_\_\_\_\_ Man – 18:38; 19:4, 6

Jesus must be put to death according to the Father's plan, not because of what he has done, but because of who he is.

C. An \_\_\_\_\_ Man –

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God – 19:14

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of God – 19:8-9

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel – 19:12, 14-15

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ -**

A. Tradition over Truth – John 5:16-18

B. Guilty over Innocent – Barabbas

C. \_\_\_\_\_ over Christ – 19:13, 15

D. \_\_\_\_\_ over Light – John 3:19-20

What happened? Pilate and the Jews choose the same loyalty, Caesar, and Rome over Christ. Jewish leaders crown Caesar as their king.

**Application:** The choice they faced remains ours today. We must choose. What do you choose?

1. Trust Him as your Savior – Acts 4:12
2. Trust Him in your Seeking – Matthew 6:33
3. Trust Him as your Sovereign – Matthew 6:24

### **Small Group Study Questions**

#### **Develop**

1. Would you want to live in Alaska during its dark months or what is known as “polar night?” Why or why not?

#### **Dig**

1. What did Pilate hope to accomplish by having Jesus scourged?
2. Read John 19:11. Pilate’s power—authority—to punish Jesus and to crucify Jesus has a source. Who is the source? Why is this significant for us to know?
3. What stands out to you concerning the three ways in which Jesus is a unique man: Lamb of God, Son of God, and King of Israel?
4. Read 1 Chronicles 17:11-14. How do we know that David was not the King promised throughout the Old Testament?
5. Read John 19:15. Do you think the Jews understood what they were doing when they chose Caesar and not Jesus as their king?
6. Read John 3:19-20 and John 5:42. Why did the Jews reject Jesus?

#### **Do**

1. What is a key truth that you learned from this study?
2. Which of the personal applications are most relevant for your life? What areas in your life do you need to trust Jesus more?