

Jesus Died & Was Buried (John 19:31–42) Sermon Overview

Sermon Series: The Book of John
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Message from *John 19:31–42*. Access to the message can be found on the Church App or at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VMi64J4XUM&feature=youtu.be>

Questions To Consider

- Why does John emphasize the death of Jesus?
- What does the death of Jesus matter to my personal life and problems?

Sermon Points

1. **Verses 31–37**

“Evidence of Jesus’ Death”

- i. The day of preparation is either the Sabbath day (Saturday), the Passover, or both.
- ii. The day of preparation meant they would prepare everything they needed to get done before the next day where they would not be allowed to work. Look up these passages: ***Deuteronomy 21:22–23; Exodus 16:23; John 18:28, 19:14.***
- iii. In John’s day false teachers were around. He emphasizes the body and death of Jesus to reveal to his culture that Jesus was real and really had a body.
- iv. One false teaching was that Jesus was God, but He did not have a physical body. There was a belief that anything material (flesh, dirt, etc.) was not in perfect form. Perfect form was the spiritual. If Jesus was perfect, He then had to be spiritual and not physical. He was like a ghost/phantom that looked real but was not a real body. The Problem: If Jesus is God without a human body, then He never shed His blood, which means He never died, which means He never paid for sin because the penalty of sin required death through the shedding of blood. If Jesus never died that mean **YOU ARE STILL IN YOUR SIN!**
- v. The other false teaching was that Jesus was only human and not God. The belief is that Jesus was like a great magician, a Houdini before Houdini. He never really died on the cross. Instead, He faked His death and then escaped later which helped Him found the Christian religion. The

Problem: If Jesus is only human, then He could only answer to God for His own life. If He did end up dying for the “Sins of the World” it would be a lie. He could not die for the sins of the world because He is only responsible for His life since He would be a creation by the Creator. However, being God in human flesh, He could take on the sins of the world. John made sure that people knew that Jesus really did die, which is why he gives so much detail about Jesus’ death.

2. **Verse 38–42** **“Evidence of Jesus’ Burial”**

- i. John shares about two of the Jewish Leaders who helped to ensure that Jesus was buried: Joseph and Nicodemus.
- ii. Jesus’ burial began His exaltation where He was no longer being humiliated as He had been since the garden where He was arrested. His exaltation is seen in His placement in the tomb that was new, no one had laid in, and built for a rich man.
- iii. Prophecy told about this exaltation of Jesus in *Isaiah 53:9*.

Responding

Because Jesus really was God and Man at the same time, you can have assurance that ALL SIN has been nailed to the cross. That means if you believe in Him, you are SET FREE from the penalty, power, and eventually the presence of sin.

When you believe this, it will produce in you the fruit to follow God in all of life. This will greatly transform every area of your life!