

JOHN 19:16b-42

IT IS FINISHED

THE SUFFERING JESUS EXPERIENCED

- Read John 19:16b-18 along with Matthew 27:24-31. Crucifixion was the worst possible way to die. In fact, the word "excruciating" means "out of the cross." What did crucifixion involve and why was it so awful?
- Why was Jesus' suffering and death necessary?
- All Christians will suffer. Why is suffering inevitable and what does suffering produce/reveal in a Christian's life? (e.g. Matthew 10:24-25; James 1:2-4, 12)

THE SACRIFICE JESUS MADE

- Read John 19:19-37. How was Jesus tortured and mocked more than others who were crucified? (e.g. Mark 15:16-32)
- Jesus made full atonement for our sins. Why was Jesus the only one who could do this and why can Christians be certain that all their sins are atoned for in Christ? (e.g. Hebrew 9:11-14, 24-26; 10:11-14)
- How did Jesus' death fulfill prophecy and why does that matter? (e.g. Isaiah 53:4-6)

THE SALVATION JESUS PROVIDED

- Read John 19:38-42. Some skeptics have contended that Jesus' didn't actually die, but that He passed out and His body was taken or stolen. How do you know that Jesus truly died and why is that essential to believe?
- Who was Nicodemus and what does it reveal that he came to anoint Jesus' body? (i.e. John 3:1-16)
- Read Luke 23:39-43 and discuss Jesus' interaction with the criminals. What does Jesus' statement in v. 43 reveal about the salvation Jesus provides?
- The three words, "It is finished" are powerful. What did those words reveal then and what do they mean now for everyone who surrenders their life to Jesus Christ?

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