

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Jesus Is Crucified

John 19:16-30

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Pilate was out maneuvered by the religious leaders.

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

So they took Jesus, 17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

John 19:16-18 ESV

Crucifixion is a horrible business.

Paul wrote: *“He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.”* Philippians 2:8

JESUS KING OF THE JEWS

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” John 19:19 ESV

Jesus’ suffering on the cross was prophesied and fulfilled.

They have pierced my hands and feet—17 I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; 18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. Psalm 22:16b-18 ESV

BETWEEN TWO CRIMINALS

And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:41-43 ESV

This man must have listened to Jesus talk about heaven and the eternal life that he would receive by believing in Jesus.

THE SOLDIERS DIVIDED HIS GARMENTS

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. John 19:23 ESV

There are so many prophecies Jesus fulfilled that the odds of any one person associated with their fulfillment by coincidence is astronomical.

THE WOMEN AND JOHN

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. John 19:25b-27 ESV

John was with Jesus throughout the night at the trails and at the cross.

IT IS FINISHED

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30 ESV

Mark gives us this picture of the veil being torn at the exact moment of Jesus’ death.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” Mark 15:38-39 ESV

PROPHECY FULFILLED

And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” Mark 10:34 ESV

Jesus knew exactly what He had to face.

THE LAST TEMPTATION

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34 ESV

In the midst of all that as they were killing Him Jesus forgave them.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 ESV