

IT IS FINISHED

John Chapter 19

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- 1-5** This is the scourging, the mocking, and the judging of the Lord Jesus by Pilate, the governor.
- Scourging would tear the victim's flesh. Most men would die from this alone.
 - The shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ begins here (Heb 9:22, Eph 2:13, Col 1:20).
 - They platted (weaved, braided) a crown of thorns, and put it on his head. Then they spit on Him and smote Him on the head with a reed to cause the thorns to pierce His brow (Mark 27:30).
 - **"...they put on him a purple robe."** Purple symbolizes royalty. This was an act of mockery.
 - **"They smote him with their hands."** The Roman soldiers balled up their fists and punched the Lord in the face. **"He was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth"** (Isa 53:7).
 - Jesus didn't come to fight back, to rebel, to injure others. He came to submit to death on the cross, to die for our sins.
 - **"I find no fault in him."** But he scourged Him anyway. The scourging was an attempt by Pilate to appease (calm, satisfy) the people.
 - **"Behold the man!"** "Look! He's beaten to a pulp! No need to kill him." Pilate assumed the people would be satisfied and let Jesus go.
 - **"Crucify him, crucify him."** The chief priests, the leaders of religion, made the decision to crucify the Lord Jesus Christ. They trusted religion. Jesus said, **"I am the way"** (John 14:6).
 - **"Take ye him, and crucify him..."** Pilate would not crucify Jesus because he found no fault in Him.
 - **"His blood be on us, and on our children."** (Mt. 27:25). This was the prophetic response of the Jewish people. This is why the Jews have always been persecuted.
- 7-8** **"He made himself the Son of God."** (See John 5:18). This statement made Pilate more afraid.
- They didn't believe Jesus. That didn't make his claim as the Son of God untrue (Rom 3:3).
 - Everyone will bow down to the Lord Jesus Christ one day (Php 2:10-11).
- Vs 9** **"Whence art thou?"** Where are you from? **"But Jesus gave him no answer."** Silence was often the Lord's response rather than trying to defend Himself.
- We ought to follow the Lord's example. Practice being silent whenever we are accused. Allow the Lord to defend us. Silence speaks louder than arguments; it made Pilate marvel (Mark 15:5).
- Vs 10** **"I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee."** Pilate was arrogant.
- Vs 11** **"Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above."** Pilate was ignorant concerning where his authority came from. His actions against Jesus were sinful, but his ignorance gave him excuse.
- "...therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."** The Jews had no excuse for their actions against Jesus. Their sin was greater.
- Their actions fulfilled prophecy. Jesus would die for mankind's sins. Jesus was fulfilling the will of the Father (Luke 22:42).
 - Jesus never tried to avoid going to the cross. He wanted to avoid separation from His Father (Psa. 22:1, Mt 27:46, Mk 15:34, Mt 26:39) and God's cup of wrath (Ps 75:8).
 - Note that on the cross, Jesus cried **"My God, my God..."** not "My Father." God, the Judge of our sin was the one judging Jesus on the cross (2 Cor 5:21).

Vs 12 *"If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend."* This is extortion and intimidation.

"Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar." The Jews knew what to say to manipulate this power-hungry governor. They knew he loved his position of power.

13-15 *"Shall I crucify your King?" "We have no king but Caesar."*

- The chief priests had influenced the Hebrew people to reject the King that they were praising days earlier (John 12:13, Mark 11:9-10, Matthew 21:9, 15).

Vs 16 *"They took Jesus, and led him away."* God's love for you moved Him to give His only begotten Son to die in your place.

- When you receive Jesus, you receive His payment of death to your account. You are covered by the blood of Christ. His death satisfied the requirements of God's Law.

17-18 *"And he bearing his cross..."* This statement does not contradict Matthew 27:32 where the bible says Simon of Cyrene was compelled to carry Jesus' cross (also Mark 15:21).

- Jesus carried the cross. He did not fall under the heavy load as many teach. The Roman soldiers continued to mock Jesus as King with the crown of thorns. That is why they compelled Simon to carry the cross part of the way.

"They crucified Him, and two other with him." Jesus was in the midst.

19-22 *"Pilate wrote a title...JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS."* The chief priests objected (vs 21). Pilate would not give heed to their objections (vs 22).

23-24 The parting of Jesus' raiment and casting lots for them was a fulfilment of scripture (Ps 22:18).

- It is important that God fulfils His scriptures. It proves that we can trust Him to honor all His promises. We can believe what He says. (Titus 1:2).

25-27 Jesus entrusted the apostle John with Mary, His mother. He trusted John above his own brothers.

Vs 28 *"I thirst."* These words also fulfilled scripture (Ps 22:15).

Vs 29 *"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar..."* This fulfilled Psalm 69:21.

"...he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." Jesus gave His life; it was not taken from Him. (See John 10:17-18).

"It is finished!" Don't add to that; Jesus paid it all. Stop trying to perform works for salvation.

- Jesus' death on the cross provided everything you need to be saved. Will you receive it?

31-36 The Jews wanted to speed up the deaths of the men on the crosses so it wouldn't interfere with their Passover celebration. Breaking their legs would speed up their deaths.

- Jesus' legs were not broken because He had already given up His life. This also fulfilled prophecy (Vs 36, Psalm 34:20).

37-42 Jesus died and was buried. This is part of the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Jesus was only buried 3 days and 3 nights (Matthew 12:40). He rose from the dead on the third day (John chapter 20).