

Jesus Finished God's Salvation Work

John 19:1-42

Key Verse: 19:30

“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

1. Read 18:36-38. What did Pilate learn from Jesus? Read 19:1-5. How and why did Pilate mock Jesus' kingship? Read 19:6-16. Why did the Jewish leaders insist on Jesus' death? What was Pilate's dilemma? How did they persuade Pilate? In what sense are Pilate, the Jewish leaders and all of us guilty of Jesus' death? (11; 2 Cor 5:21)
2. Read 16b-18; Isa 53:7. After Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, what happened? Describe the pain and shame of crucifixion. Read 19-22. How did Pilate state his conviction about Jesus? Why were the Jews angry? Why did Pilate refuse to change what he had written? (18:36-37)
3. Read 23-24. What did the soldiers do? Instead of soldier spirit, what occupied their hearts? How did their action fulfill scripture (24; Ps 22:18) Read 25-27. Who else stood near the cross? Why? How did Jesus help them?
4. Read verse 28-30. How else was scripture fulfilled? (Ps 69:21) What did Jesus say after drinking the vinegar? (29-30) What did this mean? Who was in charge? (Jn 10:11,18)
5. Read verses 31-37. What other details fulfilled Scripture? See Ex 12:46; Ps 34:20; Zech 12:10) (1 Cor 15:3,4) What confirmed Jesus' death? What is the testimony of John? (35) What is the purpose of his testimony? (compare Jn 20:31) Think about the meaning of Jesus' shed blood. (Jn 1:29; 1Jn 1:7; Ro 3:25)
6. Read verses 38-42. How were Joseph and Nicodemus changed by Jesus' crucifixion? (Notice Nicodemus' previous appearances in this gospel. - Jn 3:1-15, 7:50) What is the significance of the events of this chapter? (1Cor 15:3, 4; 1Pe 2:24; Rev 5:9)