

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 05 Mar 2023..... John 12:1-19..... Why Wasn't This Sold?
- 2) 12 Mar..... John 12:20-50..... If It Dies
- 3) 19 Mar..... John 13:1-38..... I Will Come Again
- 4) 26 Mar..... John 14:1-31..... Peace I Leave
- 5) 02 Apr..... John 15:1-17..... Remain in Me
- 6) 09 Apr..... John 20:1-18..... I Have Seen
- 7) 16 Apr..... John 15:18-27; 16:1-33..... When the Spirit Comes
- 8) 23 Apr..... John 17:1-26..... I Pray
- 9) 30 Apr..... John 18:1-27..... I Am He
- 10) 07 May..... John 18:28-40..... I Find No Fault
- 11) 14 May..... **John 19:1-42..... If Is Finished**
- 12) 21 May..... John 20:19-31..... Reach out Your Hand
- 13) 28 May..... John 21:1-25..... Do You Love Me?

**INTRODUCTION**

- Scripture helps us examine and understand the Crucifixion from many angles – before it happened, as it happened, and after it happened – Assuring us that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and is worthy of our utmost devotion

Passage	Comments
John 19:1-7	<p><b>He Made Himself out to be the Son of God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. Romans perfected 3 levels of scourging                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The least severe was a lashing</li> <li>2. More severe was a flogging of a certain number of stripes that left scars</li> <li>3. Most severe used a whip fitted with bone or metal shards on the ends of leather straps. Victims were maimed, disfigured, or crippled just short of dying</li> </ol> </li> <li>v5. Pilate tried to pacify the Jews, but the Jews (the spiritual leaders) wanted Jesus to die horribly</li> </ul>
19:8-12	<p><b>Authority Comes from Above</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v8. Pilate got "more afraid" when he realized this was not a political issue but an eternal issue</li> <li>• v9. <b>Discourse #4:</b> Pilate asked Jesus "Where are you from" and Jesus remained silent</li> <li>• vv10-11. <b>Discourse #5:</b> Pilate told Jesus he had power over life and death. Jesus replied, "No you don't. Your authority comes only from God"</li> <li>v12. Pilate succumbed to political pressure instead of godly convictions</li> </ul>
19:13-16	<p><b>We have no King, but Caesar!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v14. Pilate brought Jesus out to the crowds and proclaimed, "Behold, your King!"</li> <li>vv15-16. But the Jews displayed what was really in their hearts – vehemence toward God, toward His Word, toward His Son by proclaiming, "We have no King but Caesar!"</li> </ul>
19:17-24	<p><b>The Crucifixion Fulfilled Scripture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv19-22. John highlighted the uproar over Pilate's inscription he had put on the cross (4 verses). Why was this significant?</li> </ul>
19:25-27	<p><b>Priorities – Tender Care of Family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus handed the care of His mother over to His dearest friend, John. Why didn't He instruct John to have the new church assume care for His widowed mother? Why not to his half brothers and sisters?</li> </ul>
19:28-37	<p><b>Finished Work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight OT prophecies fulfilled in this chapter, with 4 being recognized in these 10 verses – confirming Christ</li> </ul>
19:38-42	<p><b>Bold and Public Testimony with Few Words Spoken</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph &amp; Nicodemus, once fearful, finally put their wealth, their reputation and positions, and their lives on the line for Jesus. Are we ready and willing to do that?</li> <li>• But what about, "For whoever is ashamed of Me &amp; My words, I will be ashamed of him on that day"? .....<b>Luke 9:26</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Who was Joseph of Arimathea?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He was good and righteous</li> <li>2. His hometown was Arimathea (unknown location)</li> <li>3. He looked forward to God's kingdom</li> <li>4. He was rich – and compassionate enough to give away his personal tomb to bury a poor man. Did he know he was going to get it back?</li> </ol>	

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5. He was a secret disciple ( <b>John 19:38</b> ), yet bold enough to go to Pilate & risk debarment from the Sanhedrin	
6. He did not agree to the death of Jesus, but he could not change the course of events	

**Who was Nicodemus?**

1. He is only mentioned in **John 3, 7, and 19**
2. He was a "master of Israel, a ruler of the Jews," which meant he was a member of the grand Sanhedrin, a Pharisee
3. He was inquisitive, but not bold initially (he came to Jesus at night)
4. He recognized Jesus as a teacher ("Rabbi") from God
5. He defended Jesus before the Sanhedrin
6. He was wealthy since he was able to buy 100 lbs of spices
7. The apocryphal Gospel of Nicodemus and other apocryphal works convey Nicodemus gave evidence in favor of Christ at the trial before Pilate; that he was deprived of office and banished from Jerusalem by the hostile Jews; and that he was baptized by Peter and John.

#	Over 300 Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled	OT Passage
1.	Darkness over the land	Amos 8:9
2.	He was crucified with criminals	Isaiah 53:12
3.	Silent to accusations	Isaiah 53:7
4.	Buried with the rich	Isaiah 53:9
5.	My God, my God why have you forsaken me?	Psalms 22:1
6.	<b>He was thirsty during execution</b>	<b>Psalms 22:16</b>
7.	His body was pierced	Psalms 22:16
8.	<b>Soldiers gambled for his garment</b>	<b>Psalms 22:18</b>
9.	<b>No bones broken</b>	<b>Psalms 34:20</b>
10.	Accused by false witnesses	Psalms 35:11
11.	Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9
12.	<b>He was given vinegar and gall for thirst</b>	<b>Psalms 69:21</b>
13.	Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zech 11:12
14.	30 pieces of silver given for the potter's field	Zech 11:12
15.	<b>Side pierced</b>	<b>Zech 12:10</b>
16.	Forsaken by His disciples	Zech 13:7

**Do we have any unequivocal, absolute, scientific proof for God? Yes, we do!** Consider the scientific laws of mathematical probability: The odds of only 8 of these Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in one person is at least 1x10<sup>28</sup>. For any more prophecies to be fulfilled would astronomically be impossible for them to refer to any other person than Jesus Christ. Since Jesus is true, so is the Bible!

The basic "law of probability" states that the occurrence of any event in which the chances are beyond one in one followed by 50 zeroes (1x10<sup>50</sup>), is an event we can state with certainty that will never happen, no matter how much time is allotted and no matter how many conceivable opportunities could exist for the event to take place

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- The crucifixion of Christ impacted people differently: The soldiers could care less; the Jews were in an uproar over little things like a sign; John stepped up to assume a financial burden (Mary); and Joseph and Nicodemus were moved to "go public" with their faith.
- How has the Cross impacted us? Are we nervous and timid, or bold and courageous? Are we willing to give up what is precious to us such as money, time, prestige, position, and even our lives?

**NEXT WEEK: John 20:19-31.** Jesus' initial words and summation of actions since His return from the grave provided additional information to make a sound decision to believe in Jesus being the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of God.

