

## PAID IN FULL

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Key verses: John 19

### Introduction

Today we deal with John 19, the crucifixion.

You and I are here today totally unashamed and free to serve Him, not because of any qualities or abilities or character traits that we possess, but only by His mercy, love and amazing grace.

John 18: We heard from Arnold last week about the kiss of betrayal and Judas. We saw how offence came and how it can affect you and others if you don't deal with it.

This week we will touch on the condition of some other hearts and characters that were involved.

### John 19 - Paid in Full

The characters:

Judas and the other disciples, the religious leaders, Caiaphas, Pilate, the soldiers, the fickle crowd, Barabbas, Peter who denied Him and then those who were looking on in shock and disbelief, such as His mother.

Two great historical days pale in comparison to what we will look at today:

WW2-D-Day – when the world was 'saved' from further war, and the Battle of Britain – Churchill – 'Never before in the history of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few.'

As sin came in by one man, one man paid the price for the sins of whole world, once and for all.

The sequence of events – they were violent and brutal:

- Last supper
- Prayer in the garden, sweating drops of blood
- Betrayal and arrest, Simon Peter sword cut-high priest servants ear. Shall I not drink the cup- Father. Jesus knew Judas would betray Him.
- Before the high priest, Annas first, he was the father in law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. It is expedient that one man die for the people
- Denied by Peter. Later on the steps of **Solomon's portico**.....

Not just a flat-line event, Gods plan:-1 destroy this temple, 2 what you do, do quickly, 3 this cup to pass, 4 you have no power unless it is given to you from above all embodied in John3v16-

- In **Pilate's** court, **don't You know that I have power to release You** - have Him scourged. The norm in those times was 39 lashes - stone and bone intertwined with the leather thongs.

## God's salvation plan was in motion:

It was a brutal day. Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2)

*Isaiah 53:5 ESV But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

- Set guilty Barabbas free, crucify the innocent Christ- (does not make sense) as do some things even today.  
1Cor.1:18 The cross is foolishness to those who are perishing... to those who believe – it is the power of God.
- Soldiers mock Jesus, beat him with a reed on the head (crown of thorns more damage, face marred)
- Pilate's decision- John 19:10-16

John 19:10-16 NKJV

<sup>10</sup>*Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"* <sup>11</sup>*Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."*

<sup>12</sup>*From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."* <sup>13</sup>*When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.*

<sup>14</sup>*Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"* <sup>15</sup>***But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!"*** *Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"* <sup>16</sup>*Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.*

Game of chess – to protect the king sacrifice pawns. Heaven sacrificed a King to save a world of pawns.

When they thought they were killing Him, He was saving them.

The King on a cross. The Man, Christ Jesus. He was fully man and endured unimaginable pain and suffering.

The paradox here is that the sins that put Him on the cross were being forgiven on that very cross

Movie the Passion of the Christ: Jim Caviezel played Jesus. Mel Gibson warned him that playing the character would be very difficult and that he most likely would be marginalized by Hollywood. During filming, he lost 45 pounds, he was struck by lightning in the last shot of the movie, he was accidentally struck twice during the scourge scene which left him with a deep 14 inch lash, he dislocated his shoulder when the cross was dropped into the stand with him on it. He also suffered pneumonia and hypothermia from being nearly naked with only a loin cloth on the cross for endless hours. The crucifixion scene alone took 5 weeks of the 2 months of shooting. His body was so stressed and exhausted from playing the role and in conjunction with being struck by lightning, he had to undergo open heart surgery.

- Behold your mother...**honoring His mother and making sure that she is taken care of.**
- It is finished, Jesus side is pierced

Gospel is preached for repentance unto salvation. We preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2

**Buried Him in Joseph's tomb.** Imagine the sullen atmosphere and the somber mood -disciples

## **This wasn't the end, it was only the beginning.**

On the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day..... the gates and doors were barred and all the windows battened down, spent the night in sleeplessness and arose at every sound, half in hopeless sorrow and half in fear the day... **He is alive, I'm forgiven, and heaven's gates were opened wide.**

- Raised to life by the Holy Spirit - Resurrection power dwells in us.
- We need to influence the earth with His Kingdom agenda and principles.
- When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men. Ephesians 4:8
- To bring us as His sons and daughters to maturity.
- Doing the work of the Kingdom. The works that I do, you will do also.
- Go preach the word, heal the sick, etc.
- Do the works while it is still day, for the night is coming when no-one can work.

He will return!

Revelation 19:11-16

*Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He may strike the nations. And He himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the wrath of Almighty God. And He has on a robe and on His thigh a name written.*

*KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS*