

“HE DWELT AMONG US”

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN LESSON 20 Chapter 19

***“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friend.”
John 15:13***

Jesus had taught His disciples about love. He had commanded them to love in **John 15:12**. Now He is going to show them the extreme depth of His love. To understand this most awesome chapter, we must seek to fathom and be affected by what that love means to us personally. “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us” **I John 3:1**. “But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” **Romans 5:8**.

As we read the **19th chapter** of **John**, we will be overwhelmed by the extreme cruelty and hatred of man. In contrast, may we be *more* overwhelmed by the extreme love and commitment of our Savior Jesus for us. As an innocent man, He deserved none of the punishment He endured. We must personalize every detail of the pain He endured, but not so that we will be depressed or feel guilty. The fact is we were guilty, that’s why He had to pay the penalty for us. In every action of Jesus, we must see and try to comprehend His great love for us. Let that truth sink deeply into your heart, soul and mind. No one pays more for anything than they feel it is worth. We have great value to God. He paid the highest possible price.

“For God so loved the world (you and me) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

DAY #1 *Pray before you start your lesson each day.*

Read **John 19:1-16**. Read through this portion of scripture, carefully recording the important facts. Give a short title to this section.

Title:

DAYS #2 and #3

- 1) Read **John 19:1-3** and **Mark 15:16-19**. The scourging spoken of in **verse 1** “*was a murderous form of torture; the whips with which it was carried out were reinforced with sharp pieces of metal or bone which left the victim’s body a bloody pulp, and it is not surprising that this treatment was sometimes sufficient in itself to cause death.*” F.F. Bruce Describe the emotions you feel as you ponder the actions of the soldiers.

- 2) The following scriptures foretold of Christ’s suffering. Describe what you learn from each. Also share any personal insight.
 - A. **Isaiah 53:5-6** “*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*”

 - B. **Isaiah 53:10-11** “*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.*”

PILATE’S PRESSURES

- 3) In **John 19:4-6**, Pilate again expressed the fact that he found “no guilt in Jesus.” It is probable that he was seeking a compromise with the crowd when he brought Him before them as an abused, ridiculed figure. He may have hoped that they would be satisfied when they saw He had suffered to such a degree. And yet, they were *not* satisfied.

A. Describe the response of the chief priests and officers.

B. Share what **Proverbs 27:4** states and how it relates to what Pilate knew to be the true motive for their hatred of Jesus as revealed in **Matthew 27:18**.

4) Pilate was further torn when his wife came with an alarming message. Explain what you learn in **Matthew 27:19**.

“Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.” James 4:17

5) The Jews came forward with their accusation, “He made Himself the Son of God.”

A. Why do you think these words brought fear to Pilate’s heart?

B. Record the additional insights you gain as you read the conversation between Jesus and Pilate in **John 19:9-12**.

6) The exchange back and forth between Pilate and the Jewish leadership in **verses 12-16** involved the issue of which King would be chosen. Who would the Jews choose to rule, not only over their nation, but over their personal lives? Things aren’t any different today. Record how the following apply to you personally:

A. **Joshua 24:15**

B. **Luke 16:13**

C. Have *you* yielded every area of your life to the Lord who cares so much for you? Can you still doubt that He wants the best for you and His Lordship is one of goodness and love? Stop and pray before your King, asking Him to rule and have complete dominion.

DAY #4

Read **John 19:17-37** (we will study **verses 38-42** on day 6). Record the important facts, being careful not to include the details. Focus on the main facts. State a title.

Title:

DAY #5

GOLGOTHA

Jesus was led, in His weakened condition, carrying the extremely heavy cross to a place called Golgotha (the place of the skull) outside the city wall of Jerusalem. The site many believe to be Golgotha is a 45 foot high rock that stands near the road. Normally crucifixions were held in a public place, near a busy thoroughfare. The authorities wanted many to see the condemned as a warning to others.

- 1) In **John 19:18**, we learn that Jesus was crucified between two others. Several gospels state that these others were criminals. In His life, He had sought out the lost, the hurting and sinners. God's plan included that His precious Son would endure a sinner's death, in the midst of sinners to the end. Read **Mark 15:27-28** and **Luke 23:39-43** and share your impressions.

***“We owed a debt we could not pay,
He paid a debt He did not owe.”***

- 2) Pilate, who had just witnessed this amazing man Jesus go through extreme circumstances, felt compelled to write “King of the Jews” above His cross. The leaders objected, they rejected His leadership, His lordship. And yet the *truth* remains. All will someday realize that Jesus is the “Lord of lords and King of kings.” Explain what you learn in the following scriptures:
- A. **Romans 14:11-12** *“For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”*
- B. **Philippians 2:9-11** *“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*
- C. **Hebrews 1:8** *“But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.’”*
- 3) Read **John 19:28-30**. The key words in these verses are: *accomplished, fulfilled, and finished* (New King James Version). If possible, look them up in a dictionary or Bible dictionary.
- A. What do these words mean in relationship to Jesus and the Father?
- B. How does the accomplished, fulfilled, finished will and work of the Father done by Jesus affect us? **Optional** You may quote other scriptures that give additional insight if desired.
- 4) The atmosphere and occurrences at the death of Jesus were powerful and meaningful. Record your thoughts and insights as you read the record of **Matthew 27:50-54** and **Luke 23:44-48**.

DAY #6 THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Read **John 19:38-42** along with **Mark 15:43** and **Luke 23:50-55**.

- 1) Record all you learn about the different people who came forward to attend to the body of Jesus. You may add additional information you've learned about them previously if you have time. Also think about and record what you feel is important about their actions.

A. Joseph of Arimathea

B. Nicodemus

C. The women (Mary Magdalene and another Mary)

- 2) This is the most sobering of all chapters in the wonderful Gospel of John. And yet, because of Jesus' obedience and love, it offers us hope and peace. We learn that the debt has been paid in full for our sin by His precious blood. Prayerfully ponder the following and share how they personally apply to you.

A. **Psalm 103:11-12**

B. **Colossians 1:13-14**

C. **I Peter 1:18-19**

“Amazing grace, how could it be that thou my God did die for me?”

- 3) As we reflect on the sacrifice of love which our Lord made for us, we can't help but be affected. Share how the Lord has spoken to you this week through this study.