

John 19

1-16 Jesus before Pilate.

1-6 Pilate unjustly has an innocent man flogged and handed over to soldiers to be brutalized in a vain attempt to awaken pity in the mob – unsuccessful!

7 They make it clear why they have come to the Roman Court, they want the death penalty.

8, 9 Again Pilate afraid, seeks more evidence from Jesus who is not interested in saving Himself.

10 Pilate threatens the Lord with his authority.

11 The Lord assures him that what power he has derives from the power of God's sovereignty. Those who handed Him over have the greater guilt.

12, 13 Pilate continues his feeble efforts to set the prisoner free but the people mention Caesar and that finishes Pilate's resistance.

14 It was the eve of Passover; the Lamb of God was being led to the altar.

15, 16 Pilate's final exchange with the mob then gives in to them.

17-37 The Crucifixion.

17, 18 Two thieves crucified with the Saviour. Notice the physical sufferings which were horrendous are not stressed.

19-22 Pilate at last stands his ground, Jesus is a King.

23, 24 Prophecy in Psalm 22 fulfilled.

25-27 Thirst quenched with vinegar in fulfillment of Psalm 69:21.

30 Finished! A shout of victory. The price of our redemption had been paid in full.

31 The Jewish leaders having committed murder now want to observe the religious laws – hypocrisy.

32-34 Soldiers break legs of thieves to hasten death but find Jesus already dead. They pierce His side, blood and water evidence of death and speak of redemption and cleansing.

35 John confirms that he was a personal witness to be believed.

36, 37 Further Old Testament prophecies fulfilled Psalm 34:20. Zech.12:10.

38-42 The Burial of Jesus.

Joseph and Nicodemus reveal their love for their Lord. They lay His body to rest in keeping with Jewish custom.