

John 19:1-16

April 6, 2025



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What are some highs or lows you experienced this past week?
- What Scripture has been shaping you recently?
- Where have you seen God moving in your life this week?
- What did you hear in today's sermon OR read in today's passage that you would like to discuss?
- What did you learn about yourself in today's sermon/passage?
- What did you learn about God in today's sermon/passage?
- What convicted you as you listened to today's sermon OR read in today's passage?

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

Small Group Discussion

1. Place students into small groups.
2. Instruct each group to create a list of ways Jesus sacrificed for us, and all of humanity, during His earthly ministry.
3. Set a timer for ten minutes.
4. When the timer goes off, have a representative from each group share one item from their list and discuss it with the entire group.

Teaching Moment: In the chapters leading up to this week's passage, the Jewish leaders took Jesus to see Pilate. Even though Pilate didn't think Jesus was guilty of anything, He ultimately sentenced Jesus to die on the cross.

DISCUSSION

🌿 ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ JOHN 19:1-16.

What did Pilate do and say in this passage? Why do you think Pilate had Jesus flogged if he didn't think Jesus was guilty?

What was Jesus's response to how He was treated? What does this teach us about Him?

How did the Jews respond to Jesus being flogged?

Though Pilate wasn't sure what to do in this passage, why is he still responsible for his decision?

What did Jesus's response in verse 11 mean? How does this still apply to our world today?

How did Pilate respond to his conversation with Jesus? What does this reveal about his thoughts on what Jesus said?

What argument did the Jews make against Jesus?

This passage reminds us of what Pilate ultimately valued. What makes us sometimes choose convenient things over the right things?

GOING DEEPER

When was a time you were mocked? Have you ever been mocked for your faith?

Think about what Jesus endured for us. How do you feel knowing that Jesus endured being mocked, physically hurt, and even killed because He loves you?

APPLICATION

How does Jesus's response to suffering teach us how to approach suffering in our own lives?

How have you seen God work when you've walked through a difficult time in your own life?

Think about the behavior of Jesus's accusers. They acted like they were doing the right thing but were motivated by hate and pride. Do you think this is a trap that believers today still fall into? How can we avoid it?

PRAYER

Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Thank Him for time to reflect on what Jesus endured on our behalf. Ask to live more like Jesus in your everyday life.

LOOKING AHEAD

Encourage your group to look ahead to next week's scripture passage as we continue our study of Daniel.

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COMMENTARY

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The physical and emotional torment that Jesus suffered is beyond description. He was not only physically beaten but ridiculed and mocked. Perhaps as one last effort to have Jesus released, Pilate presented Him before the crowd after His beating in order to see if now they could accept His liberation (19:4). The Jews, however, insisted on His death because Christ claimed to be the Son of God (19:7).

Pilate's claim that he had the power to free or crucify Jesus brought the following response: "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin" (19:11). What should perhaps be noted here is Jesus' intimation that Pilate, though not the initiator of the death of Jesus, was not without sin.