

John 19:17-30

April 13, 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.

Place students in small groups to discuss the question:

How did Jesus show love for people (including us) during His earthly ministry?

After a few minutes, instruct students to wrap up discussion, and invite each group to share one takeaway.

In our study of John, we've read about Jesus's trial before Pilate and talked some about the ways He suffered for us. This week, we will read the rest of the events leading up to Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.

DISCUSSION

- 🌱 ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ JOHN 19:17-30.

Last week we talked about the amount Jesus had been beaten leading to this point. After that, He had to carry the very cross He'd be executed on. How does this add to your understanding of Jesus's suffering in our place?

What did John describe in verse 24? Why would this be important to emphasize?

What does Jesus providing for Mary reveal about His character?

How has Jesus has provided for us, from the cross and beyond?

What do you think it means that "everything was now finished" (v. 28)?

Why is it important to know Jesus gave up His spirit (v. 20)? How does this remind us He was both fully God and fully man?

GOING DEEPER

How should Jesus's death on the cross influence the way we live daily?

Who do you need to tell about Jesus's sacrifice that offers life for those who receive Him?

APPLICATION

How does this study of Jesus's sacrifice make you want to worship?

What can we learn from Jesus's example about taking care of those around us?

Think about the sacrifice Jesus made because He loves you and wants a relationship with you. Have you accepted His gift of salvation yet? If not, now is the perfect time to talk to your group leader or our student pastor.

PRAYER

Thank God for sending Jesus to the cross for our sins. Pray that He will draw those who don't know Him to accept the gift of salvation He freely offers. Ask for His help living as a Christ-like example for others.

LOOKING AHEAD

LIFE groups will not meet on Easter Sunday. Worship will be at 7:30 / 9:00 / 10:30

We will begin a new series on Acts the next week.

April 20, 2025 --- Easter Sunday

April 27, 2025 --- Acts 1:1-11

COMMENTARY

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Every word of John's Gospel leads to this moment, for the "hour" had finally come. As if one last effort to cleanse Himself from guilt, Pilate had the title "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" fastened onto the cross where Jesus was crucified in Latin, Aramaic, and Greek (19:19). Every prophecy regarding the Messiah, even to the gambling for His clothing, was fulfilled (19:24; see Ps. 22:18).

Crucifixion was the Roman means of execution for slaves and criminals. The victim was nailed to a cross shaped either in the traditional form, or in the shape of a T, X, Y, or I. The nails were driven through the wrists and heel bones. Present at the cross were Jesus' mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene (19:25). Also present was the author of this Gospel, the apostle John, whom Jesus instructed to care for His mother (19:27).

The actual death of Jesus was preceded with words fitting the narrative John had written: "It is finished" (19:30). What was finished? The mission of Jesus, the Son of God, to die a substitutionary death for sinful persons. As a result of His death on our behalf, our sin was atoned for, and eternal life through Jesus became attainable through trusting faith. With these final words Jesus "bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (19:30). This rather unusual way of describing someone's death intimates that Jesus died voluntarily as an act of the will.