

# The Gospel of John

## The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 19:17-37

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### WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

#### Introduction:

#### I. THE TENSION AT THE CROSS (19:17-24)

##### A. The Way to the Cross (vs. 17-18)

“He went out, bearing His own cross”

“the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha”

“the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city” (vs. 20)

“they crucified Him, and with Him two other men”

##### B. The Writing Above the Cross (vs. 19-22)

“an inscription...on the cross”

“JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

“many of the Jews read this inscription...it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek”

“the chief priests...to Pilate, ‘Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’; but that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’”

“Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’”

##### C. The Wager Below the Cross (vs. 23-24)

“the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier”

“the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. So they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be.’”

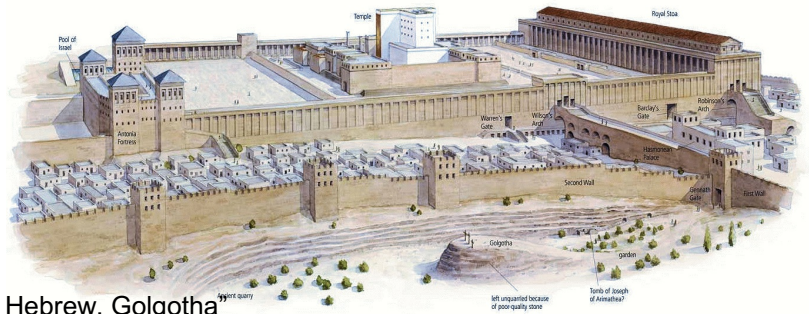
“this was to fulfill the Scripture: ‘THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.’” (Psalm 22:18)

#### II. THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS (19:25-30)

##### A. The Women at the Cross (vs. 25-27)

“standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene”

“Woman, behold, your son!”... “Behold, your mother!”



“from that hour the disciple took her into his own household”

**B. The Wine Given Him at the Cross (vs. 28-29)**

“After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished...”

“...to fulfill the Scripture, said, ‘I am thirsty.’”  
(Psalm 22:16)

“A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth.” (Psalm 69:21)

**C. His Words from the Cross (vs. 30)**

“It is finished!”

“He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

Jesus' Words on the Cross				
	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
“Father, forgive them.”			23:34	
“Today you shall be with me in paradise.”			23:43	
“Woman, behold your son,” and “Behold, your mother.”				19:26-27
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”	27:46	15:34		
“I thirst.”				19:28
“It is finished.”				19:30
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”			23:46	

**III. THE TESTIMONY OF THE CROSS (19:31-37)**

**A. The Witness of the Jews (vs. 31)**

“because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath”

“(for that Sabbath was a high day)”

“asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away”

**B. The Witness of the Soldiers (vs. 32-35)**

“broke the legs of the first man and of the other...but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs”

“one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out”

“he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe”

**C. The Witness of Scripture (vs. 36-37)**

“these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture”

“NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN.” - Psalm 34:20 (based on Ex. 12:46 and Num. 9:12)

“THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED.” - Zechariah 12:10 (c.f. Rev. 1:7)

**Conclusion:**

**Food for Thought:**

- 1) Was Christ's life taken from Him or did He give it up? Explain.
- 2) What is significant about the women who were present at the cross?
- 3) What do you learn about Jesus from His words and actions on the cross?
- 4) What does the emphasis on fulfillment of prophecy suggest about God and history?