

“IT IS FINIHSED!”

INTRODUCTION

The Gospel of John is not divided up chronologically because the first 12 chapters discuss several years in the life of Christ while chapters 13-19 discuss the events that happen over a 24 hour period of time. These events begin on an evening of Passover Week and they end at the cross which is what we are going to talk about this morning by looking at “4 Observations to Make about the Death of Jesus on the Cross.”

1). It Starts Off with a Warning (verses 8-11).

Verses 10-11 says, *“So Pilate said to Him, ‘You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?’ Jesus answered, ‘You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.’”*

Discussion Question A: Who was Pilate and what part did he play in this story of the crucifixion?

Discussion Question B: Why does Jesus tell him that “he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin?” Who is Jesus referring to here and how did they commit a greater sin than Pilate?

2). It Continues with the Jews’ Disregard of that Warning (verses 12-15).

Verses 14-15 says, *“Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And [Pilate] said to the Jews, ‘Behold, your King!’ So they cried out, ‘Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but Caesar.’”*

Discussion A: Why were the Jews so adamant about accepting Caesar as their king over Jesus?

Discussion Question B: How does this tie into the way that they viewed the Messiah? Was Jesus the kind of king that they were looking for? What are some lessons that we can learn from their actions here?

3). It Continues with Jesus' Transfer to Golgotha (verses 16-25).

Verses 16-19 says, *“So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified. They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, ‘JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.’”*

Discussion Question A: What was the process of crucifixion like? Is that different from most of our modern conceptions of it?

Discussion Question B: The sermon mentioned several prophecies that were fulfilled at the cross. What were they and how does that demonstrate that God was sovereign over it?

4). It Ends with Jesus' Final Words (verses 25-30).

Verses 28-30 says, *“After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, ‘I am thirsty.’ 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. Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”*

Discussion Question A: List the 3 final sayings of Jesus in this chapter and explain them. Now list the other final sayings of Jesus from Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Discussion Question: Why are the final words of Jesus so important?