

John 19:19-27: And Pilate wrote a title [sign], and put it on the cross [where Jesus was being crucified]. And the writing was, 'JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS'. This title then read many of the Jews [Many Jews read this sign]: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh [near] to the city [Jerusalem]: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, 'The King of the Jews'; but that he [Jesus] said, 'I am King of the Jews'. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written¹.

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments², and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout³. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it [cut it into quarters], but cast lots [gamble] for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment [clothing] among them, and for my vesture [garment] they did cast lots. [Psalm 22:18] These things therefore the soldiers did.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved [John the Apostle], he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!⁴ And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

I. Introduction (John 18:19 - 19:18)

- Jesus' trial
- Jesus' beating
- Jesus' procession to Golgotha ("Hill of the Skull")

II. The People of the Cross

A. Rejecters of Christ

1. Two thieves – one rejected Jesus, the other asked Him for mercy

Luke 23:39-43: And one of the malefactors [criminals] which were hanged [crucified next to Jesus] railed on [yelled insults at] him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him [the criminal], saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due

¹ What Pilate was saying was that he was not going to change the words on the sign.

² Clothing in Jesus' day was valuable, since every garment must be sewn by hand.

³ This coat was extremely valuable, since it had to be made to fit only the person who wore it. Usually only rulers and the very wealthy could afford such garments. Only very skillful tailors could make this sort of garment.

⁴ Breathing was very difficult during crucifixion. These seven words would have taken much effort for Jesus to say.

reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss [wrong]. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

2. Roman soldiers gambled for his clothes

Luke 23:34: Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them [the soldiers]; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment [clothing], and cast lots.

3. Crowd around the cross & Jewish leaders

Matthew 27:39-42: And they that passed by reviled [insulted] him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

4. Cross of Jesus creates a dividing point

1Corinthians 1:22-24: For Jews request a [miraculous] sign [from God], and Greeks [gentiles] seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called [saved], both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

B. Redeemed in Christ

1. Family:

John 19:25: Now there stood by the cross of Jesus ¹⁾ his mother, and ²⁾ his mother's sister, ³⁾ Mary the [wife] of Cleophas, and ⁴⁾ Mary Magdalene.

2. Follower: John the Disciple

- Jesus moved with compassion as he was dying, concerned for His mother
- Jesus told John to take care of His mother

III. Payment of the Cross

A. Saving payment

1. Final payment

John 19:30: When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost [died].

2. Blood poured out to pay price for sin

John 19:34: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

3. Perfect payment

1 Peter 1:18-19: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation [lifestyle] received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

B. Solitary payment

1. Jesus died alone

Matthew 27:45-46: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

- a. Jesus was separated from people Matt 27:36
- b. Jesus was separated from the earth John 3:14
- c. Jesus was separated from light Matt 27:45
- d. Jesus was separated from His Father Matt 27:45
- e. Jesus was separated from His life *John 19:30*

2. Jesus alone paid our debt

2 Corinthians 5:21: For he [God] hath made him [Jesus] to be sin for us [Christians], who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

IV. Purpose of the Cross

A. Finished payment

John 19:30: When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Hebrews 9:25-26: Nor yet that he [Jesus] should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place [in the Temple in Jerusalem] every year with blood of others [animals]; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 10:11-12: And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

B. Finished promise – Jesus defeated Satan's power

Genesis 3:15: And I [God] will put enmity [a continual state of hostility] between thee [Satan] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

John 12:31-33: Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I [Jesus], if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.

1 John 3:8: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested [clearly displayed to everyone], that he might destroy the works of the devil.

V. Conclusion:

- Cross is God's final statement of love
- Jesus paid the finished price once for all

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