

I. Raised - John 19:17-22

1. The cross (**verse 17**)
 - an instrument of death
 - Jesus was forced to bear the cross
- Rea -I have to respectfully disagree - Jesus said yes to the will of God in Gethsemane - he had a choice- so, not “forced” to bear the cross (by God at least)
2. He went forth to Golgotha - the place of the skull - where they crucified Him
 - the Latin name is Calvary
3. They crucified Him - (**verse 18**)
 - with nails and crossbeam, etc
- Rea -placement of the nails in His wrist is not in Scripture - just a deduction/ assumption - usually assumptions are wrong
- Rea -pushing up with His feet allowed Him to breathe and the hand nails are kept from coming loose ??
4. Two others are crucified as well - Jesus in the middle
 - see their story at Matthew 27:44; Luke 23:39-41
- Rea -crucified with the criminals of society - interesting
5. Pilate put a title above His head (**verse 19**)
 - public execution was thought to make others think twice before they committed such crimes
 - the title is written in Greek, Hebrew and Latin (**verse 20**)
 - Greek was the language of the populace
 - Latin is the official language of the Romans
 - Hebrew is a translation of the word “Aramaic”
6. King of the Jews offended the chief priests (**verse 21**)
 - Pilate meant it as a slur
 - the chief priests took it that way
- Rea -we know He IS king of kings and lord of lords
- what Pilate wrote “stood” - and it ever will (**verse 22**)
- Rea Ideas and Questions:
 1. Discuss the importance of the cross
 - does it bother you that many of today’s churches have taken the cross off their steeples?
 - does it matter?
 2. If someone from the area saw Him there for the first time... what might they think?
 3. Are you ashamed of this Jesus - the one on the cross?

II. Planned - John 19:23-24

1. Took His clothes (**verse 23**)
 - made four parts and gave each soldier a part
 - His coat was of one piece - no seam
2. They gamble for His coat
 - fulfills Psalm 22:18 - a prediction they would gamble for His clothes
- Rea 3. What do you think these verses mean - why were they added? (**verses 23-4**)

-how does this dividing of clothing further the gospel?

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. For these soldiers Jesus was just another victim - He was really a nobody to them
-except for the Centurion
2. Heaven and earth watch and these men are “into” what they can get out of Jesus - His clothing
3. Are they indifferent to Jesus?

III. Honored - John 19:25-27

1. His mother was there (**verse 25**)
2. Two other “Mary” also
Mary the wife of Cleophas
Mary Magdalene
-compare with Mt. 27:55; Mark 15:40

Rea 3. Faithful to the end

-those who suffer with us are usually our truest friends

4. Jesus and John standing by (**verse 26**)

-behold your son

Rea -still concerned for His mom (family)

Rea -this is a “hand off” - He hands Mary off to John - take care of her

5. Then He addresses John - behold your mother (**verse 27**)

-he took Mary into his home from then on

-our responsibility for those of our own household (1 Tim. 5:8)

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Taking care of His mom was unfinished business He needed to address
2. So, if the women are there because they love deeply, does that not mean the same thing about John?
3. Such “details” in taking care of things is a mark of the grandeur of Jesus - it also marks us if we do or don’t take care of our own family
4. Some might say He was under no burden to take care of His mom - after all these are extenuating circumstances

IV. Finished - John 19:28-29

1. I thirst (**verse 28**)

-at the end

-this insight into His thirst fulfills Old Testament Scripture - Ps 22

-Jesus completes things

-hanging on a cross for hours would make you thirsty

Rea -Jesus was human as well as divine

2. Vinegar is used to quench Jesus’ thirst (**verse 29**)

Rea -bitter but useful - vinegar helps when you’re dehydrated

3. He received the vinegar (**verse 30**)

-“it is finished” - and gave up the ghost

-voluntary passing

Rea -His life was not “taken” but “given” - there is a world of difference!

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Each detail in the story fulfills Old Testament predictions about a Messiah to come
2. He did the “right” thing (about His mom) even when it was difficult for Him
3. He was on the cross
 - Mary was on His mind
 - You were on His mind

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