

Theology of John's Gospel

The word came from heaven to accomplish His work on earth so that we who are on earth can have a home in heaven

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." ~John 20:31

Gospel of John Ch. 19: "Who Sentenced Jesus to Death?"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing us together in your name.

Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.

We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word. Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter. We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: John 19:1-42

1) What ultimately led Pilate to sentence Jesus to death (John 19:4-8)?

2) Of all that the Jewish religious leaders understood of the Old Testament and the prophesying of Jesus' first coming, how is it possible that they could look upon His flogged and beaten body, crowned with thorns and not have compassion for Him?

3)	What was the mistake that the Roman Governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, made about his proclamation of power?
4)	The Jewish people hated the Romans and yearned to be free from their control. What hypocritical words did they speak in verses 15-16, to convince Pilate to crucify Jesus?
5)	Pilate intended the sign he wrote (King of the Jews) to serve as an insult and mockery to Christ. What other significant event in the life of Christ was He proclaimed to be the "King of the Jews?"
6)	Which major prophet of the Old Testament spoke from God prophesying about the events of Jesus' sentence and death in this passage?

Amen.

7)	Is there a Psalm in the Old Testament that foretold of what the Roman soldiers did in verses 23-243
8)	What measure did the soldiers take to make sure Jesus was truly dead? Why does John stress this particular point?
9)	Why do you think John makes a point of saying that Jesus "gave up His spirit" instead of simply saying that He died? How does this final act reveal Jesus' ultimate submission to the will of His Father?
Closi	ng Prayer
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