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The Book of John

Lesson 36 unto into

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Read: John 19:1-42

John 19, verse 17. *And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:* This truth I want to look at in two respects and we need the cross-references in order to do it. First of all I do not believe Hollywood's representation of the crucifixion of Christ the idea of Jesus Christ struggling and falling and all but incapable of getting that piece of wood from Pilate's judgment hall to Mount Calvary, finally succumbed and had to get somebody to help Him because He could not bear the load – I do not believe that for a minute. I do not think that Jesus Christ was incapable of carrying out His death at Calvary without human help. I believe that just as this scarlet purple robe was placed onto Jesus to mock Him for having claimed to be a king, the reed as a scepter was put into His hand, then the title above Him, the king of the Jews, it was all mockery the whole thing was just ridicule heaped on the Lord Jesus Christ. If you read your Bible very carefully, Simon of Cyrene was not chosen to carry the cross because Jesus could not.

Look at the cross reference in Matthew 27:29. *And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!*

(They are ridiculing Him; they are making fun of His claim.) *And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him... As they came out...* They are leaving the place of sentencing; they are on their way to the place of execution...) *...as they came out they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.* (Simon did not step in after Jesus walked a while and could not carry it anymore, he was right there from the very start.) *And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull...*

The place of a skull. Some say that is because of the skulls piled up at the base of the mountain there or because the mountain looks like a skull - it has these hollow places that match the eyes and the nose – Who could say that was the case then?

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This is important what I am going to show you here. Luke 23: 26 *And as they led him away they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.* Simon literally took up the cross and followed Jesus. Here is just one of those things in your Bible that convinces me that you really cannot go wrong believing the Bible. Go to Genesis 22 and here is the offering of Isaac which stands in type as a picture of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary. Genesis 22:3 *And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.* Now come down to verse 6. *And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.* Now here is what happens. Abraham and Isaac are on their way to this mountain where Abraham the father will offer Isaac the son as a sacrifice. They take the wood and they lay in on this donkey and the donkey carries the wood to the foot of the mountain. Then at the foot of the mountain they take the wood off the donkey, place it upon Isaac the son and the son carries the wood up into the mountain. He is then laid upon that wood for the sacrifice.

Now, take a look at Matthew 27. This is an incredible thing. Verse 32, they laid the cross on Simon. Verse 33, *And when they were come UNTO a place called Golgotha...* Simon carries the cross, he carries the wood UNTO Golgotha. Look at Mark 15:21. *And they compel one Simon...to bear his cross.* Verse 22. *And they bring him UNTO the place Golgotha...* Look at John 19:17. *And he bearing his cross went forth INTO a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:* Just as in the typology of Genesis 22 someone carries the wood **unto** the mountain and then the son takes the wood and carries the wood **into** the mountain. What a book, you have in your possession there. Thank God for it.

Verse 18. *Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.* The commentators speculate as to the reasons for the three different languages written there. Nothing to suggest this was just common practice in those days. Making sure that everyone that passed by knew the charges; and the charges interestingly enough that He is the king of the Jews.

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Verse 21. ***Then said the chief priests of the Jews*** (That is the only time that phrase shows up in your Bible. ***The chief priests of the Jews*** – at this point, they were no longer the Lord's priests. Remember that thing about the temple? *My house shall be called a house a prayer.* When Jesus walked out of it for the last time, He said, your house is left unto you desolate. Jesus gave them the temple. It is yours. Now, He gives them the priests. You want the chief priests. Fine. They are yours. They became the chief priest of the Jews. They said ***to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.*** They thought Pilate was consenting to the Lord's claim and they did not want that publicized. ***Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.***

Verse 23. ***Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat:*** There is only four soldiers involved in this business. Remember the garden – you remember the scene where that company came out with their weapons to arrest Him and He knocked them all flat on the ground? Listen – four soldiers are not going to crucify the Lord Jesus Christ, unless He voluntarily submits to that indignity. ***...now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be:***

So this fulfillment of Psalm 22, that Psalm is filled with prophecy references to Jesus on the cross. Psalm 22:17-18. ***I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.*** This event is recorded in all four gospels. (Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:34 and then here in John 19:24) ***that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.*** The sinful first Adam was clothed by God. The sinless last Adam was unclothed by man.

The disciples forsook Him and fled; but the women, many of them stayed faithful and true right up to the end. When you get out and get in the ministry – you will never lack for women who love Jesus and want to serve Him. Your challenge will be to find men that will love Jesus and want to serve Him and stay true to Him. ***Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother,*** (Now I realize that certain Churches have misunderstood the role of Mary, but lets not forget how great a woman she was. She did bare the body of Jesus, though she must not be called the mother of God. She is a most honorable woman, but she is not the intercessor for the believer. Though Mary did some wonderful things in the Bible, she never told us to follow her, noted by her final words spoken in the Bible John 2:5 ***His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it*** Look, she is still at the foot of the cross watching as Jesus dies for our sins. Peter, James, Phillip, Matthew are not

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there. Mary is there. But she is not there dying for our sins, she is there helplessly watching her son being crucified and dying.

Mary is accompanied by *his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene*. There might have been up to four women there, it is hard to tell by the wording. *When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, (and again we assume that to be John) he saith unto his mother, Woman, (Which is kind of a bookend, where did He call her that before? At the start of the book of John, in John 2 at the wedding, Woman, what have I to do with thee?) Now He says, Woman, behold thy son. (Take a look at me. Set your eyes upon me.)*

Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother. Now, here's what he is doing. He is turning over the responsibility for the provision and care for His mother to John. Later in First Timothy 5, you are going to see and learn that it is the responsibility of a husband to take care of his wife all the days of her life and if he does not do that, he is worse than an infidel. And then when he dies it is the responsibility of his sons to take care of her and then nephews and there is very stringent requirements set forth that must be met before the church becomes responsible for caring for a widow. Here the Lord Jesus Christ (and of course this pre-dates the New Testament epistles) here He shows that spiritual relationships do two things.

Number one. They do not allow you to ignore the responsibilities of nature. Just because you are serving the Lord full time does not mean it is anybody else's responsibility to provide lodging, food or clothing for your family. Jesus in the midst of dying for the sins of the whole world – there had been no greater act of spiritual service ever rendered. In the midst of that He makes certain that we know and understand that He is still responsible for taking care of his mother. Even as He is dying, He is making sure that she has a place to live, food to eat and that she will be safe and secure.

Do not be one of those guys that thinks because you are supposedly serving the Lord, that some other church or church people or group of churches is responsible for taking care of your wife and your children. That is your job. Now if somebody out of the goodness of their heart feels a desire or feels compelled to help you, that's fine. But it's your responsibility.

Secondly, Joseph is evidently dead; but we see here that spiritual bonds are often and may well be closer than physical bonds. Jesus has other brothers and sisters. But according to John 7:3-5, if you remember they have not believed on Him yet. Jesus said, I would rather trust my mother to a disciple of mine who is trusting me than to my own flesh and blood. Verse 27 ends with this phrase. *And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.* That is a very significant statement. I will tell you why. These men we

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read in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have forsaken all to follow the Lord Jesus. And yet John still has a house. We know that Peter still had a house. You remember when Jesus went to take care of Peter's wife's mother. Listen, You are going to run into these guys, that hold this extreme position that if you are really following Jesus, you are going to live like a bum and make your children go hungry and make your wife do without. You can abandon everything and follow Jesus and still own and possess things. You can still have a job; and not be in bondage to that job but rather be using that job, your labor, your wages and the time that you spend on that job to be an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ and a supporter of missions.

Notes

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Name _____

1. Make a list of 8 questions Pilate asked Jesus and note the spirit or intent behind each.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
2. Why did Pilate seek to release Jesus?
3. What did he value more than his conscience?
4. What is significant about the actions of Pilate in verse 13-14?
5. Compare verse 15 with Hosea 3:4-5. What does this teach regarding the Jews?
6. What name does Pilate use for Jesus throughout the course of the trial?

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7. Read Matthew 26:60-62; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:29-30; John 19:4-7.
What were the seven charges made against Jesus?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
8. Make a list of the ways Pilate tried to remove himself from responsibility and how do these steps relate to men today?
9. The expression "chief priests of the Jews" only appears here, Why is this important?
10. Explain the following terms in reference to this study of John:

Caesar

the city

True/false

- To become a true follower of Jesus, you have to be dirt poor.
- Jesus was lucky to have had Simon the Cyrene carry His cross or He never would of made it to Calvary.
- Mary was the mother of God and she deserves our worship.



Scripture memorization verses (write these in KJV on the back of this sheet) Psalm 22:17-18; Genesis 22:8; Colossians 1:14.

any questions?