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### The Book of John

Lesson 37 another scripture

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Read: John 19:1-42

John 20:1-10

**V**erse 28. *After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.* He did not say it because He wanted a drink; He said it to make sure the scripture was fulfilled. Proverbs 17:22 says, *That is Jesus suffering in our place.* Lamentations 1:12-13. *Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.* That is a fore view of Jesus dying for our sins.

*Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.* No man has the power over the spirit in the day of death. But here He is. The first words of Jesus are in Luke 2:49. *...How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?* The last words of Jesus, *It is finished..* What is finished? My Father's business.

**V**erse 31. *The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation,* The Jews are completely ignorant to the fact that they just committed murder now they want to be religious and keep the Passover *that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,)* (It fell on a Thursday that week; it was not the regular weekly sabbath. It was a special a high sabbath.) *besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.* If you break the legs, you cannot stay upright and you suffocate. That is how crucifixion kills you, suffocation. *Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:* Jesus did not die from crucifixion. He was nailed to that cross to suffer, then He laid down His own life.

**V**erse 34. *But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side,* The wrath of man is wicked, even after they have found Him dead, the still feel compelled to strike Him again. But the wrath of man works to praise God. Psalms 76:10

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Why? Verse 35. *And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.* Here is the soldier, he has just been given the order to break the legs of Jesus, why didn't he carry out the order? Because scripture supercedes mans orders. Why stick a spear in His side since He is already dead? Scripture requires it. So here again we see a man that does not know what he is doing, doing exactly what God said he would do. The Lord is in charge of this whole scene.

Verse 36. *A bone of him shall not be broken.* References - Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12.. Passover lamb. Do not break the bones. And that scripture that was fulfilled. Psalm 34:20 not a bone of Him was broken. Now, this is curious. Verse 37. *And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.* I tell you, the Bible is an unbelievable book. People that do not believe it, do not read it. Look at verse 24, *...that the scripture might be fulfilled.* Verse 28, *...that the scripture might be fulfilled.* Verse 36, *...that the scripture should be fulfilled.* Verse 37. *...again another scripture saith.* You know why? Because it had not been fulfilled. He is referencing scripture that requires Jesus to be pierced, but that scripture refers to his Second Coming, not His first coming, so the Holy Spirit does not say "*that the scripture might be fulfilled*" in verse 37 - because it was not fulfilled. It is referenced, but it is future.

Jesus ministry began by giving drink. Early on, we see Him sitting on a well, asking, *give me to drink*. Now we come all the way to the cross – here He is, saying, *I thirst*. Psalm 69:21. *...and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*

Verse 38. *And after this Joseph of Arimathaea,* Here is what we know about Joseph. The references, Matthew 27:57; Mark 15:43; Luke 23:50-51 and then here in John. He was a rich man from Arimathaea, city of the Jews, he was a disciple of Jesus and an honorable counselor. Though he was a member of the council that called for Jesus crucifixion, he did not consent to their deeds. Mark says that He waited for the kingdom of God. He was not looking for the kingdom of heaven. Luke says he was a good man and a just. He was bold before Pilot; and he sought the body of Jesus and buried it. He is one of the unsung heroes of the Bible. What the scripture says about everything of this man is good.

*Joseph of Arimathaea being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away (and again, the Bible – it is a perfect book.) the body of Jesus: (Not Jesus. The body of Jesus.) and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture*

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*of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to*

*bury.* I remember as a young Christian reading that verse. In my mind, I went back to Bethlehem where the Bible says they wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. Now they are wrapping Him in grave clothes and laying Him in a tomb. He was born to die.

Verse 41. *Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.* They wanted to get this done as quickly as possible, so they could go and be religious. The end of chapter 19, the body of Jesus was laying in a tomb. What a blessing the book does not stop there. If you were writing about the life of man that is where it would end. We are writing about Jesus and there is more to come.

At the close of chapter 19 we were talking about some things that are found in John that are not found in the other gospels. Things that are not in John, and yet are in the other gospels. This significant because that John presents Jesus Christ as God. The theme of John has been light versus darkness. John does not include the mention of darkness over the earth during those three hours when Jesus hung on the cross. Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44. He is the light of the world. He said he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. John 8:12. And yet you read about John and Mary and other women standing at the foot of the cross. They will follow the light and they are walking in the light. The world may be in darkness; but those that follow Jesus to the cross were not walking in darkness even then.

Now let me give you a note. I had this and we were going to get to in chapter 19 but we did not. We were talking about those two gardens in John. Let me give you twelve comparisons between the garden of Eden and the garden of Gethsemane. This is from all the gospel accounts – this will take in all the events that happened in the garden of Gethsemane. But you compare the two:

- (1) In Eden, all was delightful. In Gethsemane, all was terrible. A horrible scene as Jesus faces that cup of wrath and takes upon Him our sin.
- (2) Adam bargained or communed with Satan. The purpose of the conversation was the destruction of the race. In Gethsemane, Jesus communed with the Father. The discussion was the salvation of the race.
- (3) In Eden, Adam sinned. In Gethsemane, the Saviour suffered. Sweat became as it were drops of blood.
- (4) In Eden, Adam fell. In Gethsemane, the Saviour conquered.

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(5) In Eden, the conflict was by day. In Gethsemane, the conflict was by night.

(6) In Eden, Adam fell before Satan. In Gethsemane, the soldiers fell before the Lord.

(7) In Eden, Adam took the fruit from Eve. In Gethsemane, Christ took the cup from the Father.

(8) In Eden, Adam hid himself. In Gethsemane, Jesus boldly showed Himself.

(9) In Eden, God sought Adam. In Gethsemane, the last Adam sought God.

(He is seeking His Father and His Father's will. "*Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me...*")

(10) In Eden, Adam was driven out. In Gethsemane, Christ was led out.

(11) In Eden, the sword was drawn. In Gethsemane, the sword was put away.

(12) In Eden, all began well and ended horribly. What began horribly in Gethsemane ended well three days later.

God could have left us in our fallen state and there would be nothing we could do about it; Luke 19:10 *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.* What a wonderful Saviour.

## Chapter 20

John 20. Verse 1. *The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early,* She is grateful and she is faithful. She was the last to leave the cross and the first to come to the tomb. *The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark,* You recall the reckoning of the Jewish day. The day begins at sunrise, approximately at 6:00 am and ends at sunset at approximately 6:00 pm. And then the night would begin at 6:00 pm and run to 6:00 am to sunrise. The evening and the morning were the first day... it is night (darkness) and then light. The day, the first day of the week would begin at sunset on Saturday – so she could come on the first day of the week and it could still be dark. But as soon as that Sabbath was over she is out there. She cometh *unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They...* (Have not **they** done a lot throughout human history? **They** said... **they** did... I heard **they** went – you need to watch out for **they**...) *They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.* Now notice that she is faithful to come to the tomb. But she is not faithful to believe what Jesus had said. There is no expectation from the part of Mary Magdalene that Jesus Christ would have risen from the dead on the third day.

Verse 3. *Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and*



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*came first to the sepulchre.* Just a little note in our Bible that John can run faster than Peter. *And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.* Obviously, it is a low entryway; and John, he leans over, stoops down and looks inside. He is satisfied. There are clothes there but no body.

*Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head,* you need to keep in mind that this is a cave-like situation. Just keep in mind that there is room in this cave and that he is not crawling down into a little two foot by six-foot hole in the ground like we bury people. He is entering into this open room. *And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.* There are several things that are of importance here:

- (1) It is obvious that Jesus is no longer in the tomb. He is not there.
- (2) It is obvious that His disciples did not steal the body so they could fake the resurrection. They are wondering where the body went.
- (3) The Jews certainly would not of stolen His body and made it possible for the disciples to claim a resurrection.
- (4) Had the Roman soldiers or some other group had stolen the body, they would not have taken the time to unwrap it. Think about it.
- (5) The so-called shroud of Turin is proven to be a fraud; because that is one garment supposedly bearing the imprint of the body of Jesus, And supposedly that was the burial cloth of the Lord. But if you notice the Bible is very careful here to point out that there were at least two separate garments, one that wrapped His body and a separate one that wrapped His head. Notice whoever took these grave clothes off the body, they are not just strewn about or left laying on the floor, they are folded and wrapped and neatly placed where they should have been. So it is almost as if somebody got up who was not worried about getting caught and was not in a hurry to sneak away. The stone was not rolled away to let Jesus out. The stone was rolled away to let the disciples in. So that they could see that He was not there.

Verse 8. *Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.* There is the first mention of somebody believing, John believed that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead.

Verse 9. *For as yet (Up until this time) they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.* (What do you do? It had to be a very confusing time. It is easy for us to sit here and criticize them. Three years is not a long time. "But for three and a half years they have been hearing Him say there are going to kill me, and afterwards I am going to rise from the dead. To them it was just passing conversation, they did not understand, so when the moment came, they were

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confused as to what had happened the body is not there they are not prepared for this, so they went back home.

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John 19

1. What is the significance of the seamless coat?
2. How does verse 24 make you feel about gambling?
3. From when is the quote of verse 24?
4. Why did Jesus commit Mary to John?
5. What scripture was fulfilled in verse 28?
6. Give at least three reasons why the women stayed when the men fled in accordance with our lessons.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
7. Compare the action of the soldiers in verse 23-24 with the action of God in the garden.

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8. Carefully read the four gospel accounts of crucifixion, list five occasions on which Jesus was offered a drink.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
9. What was finished?
10. What does the bowing the head teach us?
11. What does giving up the ghost teach us?
12. How does John begin and end his account of the ministry of Jesus?

John 20

13. Who is they in verse 2?
14. Why do you suppose John outran Peter?
15. Why do you supposed John did not go into the tomb?

True/false

- Good Friday was the day Jesus died.
- Jesus too the vinegar because He could not deal with the pain.
- Thursday was the high Sabbath.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV) Psalm 34:20; John 8:12; Psalm 118:14

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