

JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED FOR OUR SINS

John 19:16b-42

Key Verse: 19:30

1. Read verses 16b-18. What was Pilate's decision? What happened after that? Describe the crucifixion scene and the pain and shame Jesus suffered. What did Jesus' crucifixion mean from God's point of view? (Jn 1:29; 20:31)
2. Read verses 19-22. What was Pilate's testimony? What does it mean that he is "Jesus of Nazareth"? "King of the Jews"? Why did the Jews object?
3. Read verses 23-24. What did the soldiers do? How did John view their actions? (24; Ps 22:18) What does this teach about God?
4. Read verses 25-27. Who stood near the cross? What do we know about them? (Lk 8:2,3) Think about his mother's pain (Lk 2:35). What did he say to his mother and to John? Why?
5. Read verses 28-30. What does Jesus' cry, "I am thirsty" reveal about him? What does he mean by "It is finished"? In what sense was his death a victory? What does this mean to us that Jesus finished his mission?
6. Read verses 31-37. Why did the soldiers break the legs of the two men, but not Jesus? What did the flow of blood and water mean? What is the writer's relationship to these events? What important details does he note?
7. Read verses 38-42. Who buried Jesus? How is each described? How were they changed by Jesus' death? What does the death of Jesus mean to us?