

Walking In The Way Of Jesus; John 19&20

A study to consider the impact of Easter

Tim with overview of the past four Sundays. Review of John 18 leading up to John 19.

Points of consideration from the text:

- How many men came to the garden to arrest Jesus?
- What would be the effect of His 3 words causing everyone to fall to the ground?
- The intentionality and planning regarding the varied details surrounding His arrest.
- The men in power and the process with Annas, Caiaphas, and Pilate.
- Jesus states, “My kingdom is not of this world”
- Pilate proclaims, “I find no guilt in Him.”

John 19&20 ESV

Chris reading: *Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” ⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.*

- The world didn’t know what to do with Jesus. The Jewish leaders recognized there was something about Him but they didn’t want Him - wanted Him dead. Pilate, did not have a category for Jesus but was not persuaded of Pilates need for a Savior. The lead Him to be Crucified.

Tim reading:

So they took Jesus,¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things,²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Yeshua was committed to the plan of His Father on our behalf. He chose humility in the face of humiliation. Consider the care for His mother as He is dying.

Chris reading:²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him.³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

• ***Three of the Biggest words in our English Translations “It is finished!” So much was accomplished through Jesus’ obedience to and through death. Victory has been established through surrender.***

Ultimate Picture of the Upsidedown Kingdom

Tim reading:

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to

Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

There comes a time when even the scared and timid must stand up for love and truth.

Chris reading:

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

- I love this real time processing we get a glimpse into: they heard Jesus' words, they knew mentally he was going to die but it crushed them experientially (When they experienced it). They knew mentally that He said He was going to rise again on the third day - but still was so hard to comprehend experientially. Yet God honors faith! Not perfect comprehension - full understanding - God honors faith! You can almost feel the spirit of the disciples shifting to one of hope.

Tim reading:

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Notice that Mary (not the two men) was engaged in dialogue by the angels as well as Jesus. She was the first to see our risen Lord and proclaim it to others.

Chris reading:

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

- Peace be with you! Our Lord knowing our greatest need even when we would say we need understanding, need to know what is happening, our Lord brings you Peace and meets you in the time our your greatest needs.

Tim reading:

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus knows our struggle with faith and meets us where we are but it is usually when we need to know not always when we want to know.

Chris reading:

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1. You would believe that Jesus is the Christ.

Resurrection and the whole Bible is an account that Jesus is God in the flesh, invading our world on a rescue mission to bring us back into relationship with the Father. That is the Father's desire is relationship with YOU - look at the extent He went to display His love for you!

Resurrection is the display of His power - validating Jesus is the Christ.

Between you and God - Is there something in the way of your belief?

- **Roman officials, Pilate, Jewish Ruler** - idea of Jesus being the Christ is offensive or just doesn't make sense to you.

The resurrection of Jesus provides the grace to meet you in your unbelief.

- **Thomas of Ar. & Nicodemus**: maybe you are on the fence, intrigued by Jesus afraid of what it would look like for you or what it may cost you if you embrace Jesus fully.

- **Mary**: in your grief, sorrow, uncertainty Jesus appears to her and calls her name

- **Peter and John**: know a whole lot about Jesus but maybe today is when it all clicks in your heart

- **Thomas**: have some doubts- things you would love to have God do : Jesus doesn't dismiss him but meets him in the presence of His doubts - God can handle your questions

-The resurrection is a BIG deal because it is the validity of Jesus' Divinity. He's God.

-Resurrection is a Big deal because it Proves the fact that God loves you and desires relationship with you.

- The Resurrection is a Big deal because it proves that with God anything is possible - any need you have, any obstacle you face, salvation is possible for the person who claims they are too far gone - Why?

Joby Martin: If the Tomb is empty, Anything is possible!

2. That you would have life in His name.

John 14:6 New meaning to those words when we consider the resurrection.

Jesus is the Way to the Father => Way we model our lives after (Live like Him)

Jesus is the Truth of the Kingdom => Truth that we submit our lives to

Jesus is the Life => Model that eternal life starts now. Relationship with Him.

Our challenge today is this: If it is your first time coming to Jesus Christ for life or you are reaffirming your love for Him, would you follow Jesus and pass over from death to life.