

JOHN 19:17-30

REVIEW...

- **JOHN 18:19-40 – THE TRIALS OF JESUS...**
 - o Jesus was tried four times – Before Annas / twice before Caiaphas...
 - o Finally Jesus was taken to Pilate – who wanted to know what His crime was...
 - o Jesus told Pilate He came to bring truth to the world – Pilate answered ‘what is truth!’
 - o Pilate took Jesus out to the crowd and told them he found no fault in Jesus!
- **JOHN 19:1-16 – JESUS AND PILATE...**
 - o Pilate had Jesus scourged – with a crown and purple robe presented him to the crowd...
 - Pilate wanted to release Jesus – but did not want to upset the Jews...
 - So he had Jesus beaten – perhaps to try and win the sympathy of the crowd...
 - o But the Jewish leaders demanded Jesus be crucified – He claimed to be God...
 - Pilate questioned Jesus again – but Jesus did not answer him...
 - Pilate had the power – Jesus corrected him - he had no power but what God gave him!
 - o Pilate presented Jesus to the Jews one last time – behold your King...
 - But the people rejected Jesus - they cried out – we have no king but Caesar...
 - So Pilate had Jesus taken away to be crucified!

THE PASSION... (3 THINGS)

- **1ST - THE ROAD TO CALVARY... VS. 17**
 - o 1st - Jesus carried the cross – and was taken to a place called ‘The Skull’...
 - The cross was a 50kg beam of wood - laid on the lacerated back of Jesus...
 - Tired – suffering from blood loss – Jesus stumbled under the load...
 - Simon of Cyrene – was compelled to carry it for Jesus – **Mark 15:21**...
 - Tradition tell us there are 14 ‘stations’ from Jesus’ condemnation – to His death...
 - Half of the ‘stations of the cross’ are tradition – only 7 of the 14 occur in the Bible
 - o 2nd - There were many women who followed Jesus - weeping and crying – **Luke 23:27-31**
 - Jesus told them not to cry for Him - but to cry for themselves and their children...
 - The time was coming when it will be said - better for those who had no kids...
 - They will say to the mountains ‘Fall on us’ - to the hills ‘Hide us’...
 - The people had rejected Jesus as their savior – so all that was left was judgment!
 - **Revelation 6:16** - “To the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne...”
 - There are only two kinds of people when it comes to God...
 - Sinner who have received the free gift of salvation in Jesus - sinner who have not..
 - For those who reject Jesus - all that waits them is certain and terrifying judgment...
 - **Hebrews 10:31** - “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God...”
 - o 3rd - Jesus was taken to Golgotha (*Latin – Calvary*)...
 - A hill on the north side of Jerusalem – outside the city – next to the main highway...
 - A public place to execute criminals - displayed for all the people to see...
 - Jesus left the temple – the presence of God – and went outside so He could bring us back...
 - **Hebrews 13:12-13** - “Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates in order to make his people holy by shedding his own blood...”
 - Jesus suffered and died in our place – He went outside the ‘city’ to get us back...

- To restore our relationship to God – to bring us back to presence of the Lord...
- 2ND - THE CRUCIFIXION... vs. 18-27
 - 1st - Jesus was crucified between two criminals - **Isaiah 53:9**... vs. 18
 - The one mocked Jesus - 'If you are the Christ - save Yourself and us.' – **Luke 12:39**
 - The other rebuked him - 'Do you not fear God' - we are getting what we deserve...
 - He recognized Jesus had done nothing wrong - 'Remember me in Your Kingdom'...
 - Jesus turned to him and said **'Today you will be with me in paradise!'**
 - We are those thieves – we are deserve because of our sin - death and hell...
 - Like those thieves – we have a choice – what do we do with Jesus...
 - Jesus gave up everything – condemned to death for us – paying our penalty...
 - He suffered unimaginably – so that we might experience the Joy of heaven...
 - But it is our choice – do we believe – so we can go to Paradise!
 - 2nd - The accusation: King of the Jews... vs. 19-22
 - The charge was placed over Jesus head – 'Jesus Nazareth the King of the Jews'
 - It was placed in 3 languages – Latin (*INRI*) / Greek / Hebrew (*YHWH*)
 - The Jewish priests objected – they wanted Pilate to change the accusation...
 - They wanted the sign to say – 'Jesus SAID He was the King of the Jews'...
 - The reason for the objection – the acronym in Hebrew was God's name – Yahweh!
 - But Pilate said - 'What I have written is written.'
 - 3rd - They Crucified Christ... vs. 23
 - Crucifixion is arguable the most painful form of death ever invented...
 - Invented by the Persians around 300 B.C. – it was 'perfected' by Romans...
 - Jesus was placed on His back – nailed between the bones of forearm – 7-9" spike...
 - Jesus' knees were bent to 45° angle – the feet then nailed to the cross – 9" spike...
 - Placed upright – Jesus was unable to bear His own weight...
 - His shoulders would go out of socket – followed by elbows – then wrist...
 - The end result is that His arms would have stretched 6-9 inches...
 - Over time – tired – oxygen starved – it would be harder and harder to breath...
 - Death comes from slow asphyxiation – and/or rupture of the heart
 - 4th – The soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes... vs. 23-24
 - The four soldiers crucifying Jesus divided up His clothes...
 - Jesus' shirt / pants / shoes / and belt – each of them took one piece...
 - But Jesus also had a robe – woven together without any seams...
 - They did not want to rip it – so they decided to gamble for it...
 - It fulfilled the prophecy of **Psalms 22:18** – 'For my clothing they cast lots...'
 - A lot of people like to gamble – we tend to think we can beat the odds...
 - We do not just like to gamble with our money – we gamble with our eternity...
 - Living for the pleasures of this world - thinking there is still time to 'get right' with God
 - It is not worth the risk – do not play around with your salvation – choose Jesus today!
 - 5th - While suffering on the cross – Jesus was ridiculed by all – **Luke 23:35-37**
 - The people mocked as they passed by - 'He saved others, let Him save Himself...'
 - Soldier mocked - offered Him wine - 'If you are the King of the Jews - save Yourself'
 - Ironically if He had saved Himself – Jesus could not have saved others!
 - Jesus did not stay on the cross – suffer an unimaginable death – cause He had to...
 - He chose to stay on that cross – because without the cross – we had no hope!

- We may think we look pretty righteous - but to God our goodness is filthy rags!
 - We are REALLY bad people - we are all – every one of us – TOTAL sinners...
 - And the penalty for being a sinner – is eternal death – hell - **Romans 6:23**
 - Yet God loved us so much that He gave His life for us – **John 3:16**
 - Jesus paid the price for our sin – He took our penalty for us – He took our cross!
 - Because without His sacrifice – we would have no hope of salvation/heaven
- o 6th - As Jesus was dying He said - '**Father - forgive them**' – **Luke 23:34**
 - To the very end – Jesus was not bitter with those who were killing Him...
 - He understood they were lost in sin - and did not know any better...
 - So He forgave them – the very ones who drove the nails in His hands...
 - **Romans 5:8** – “God demonstrates His love... while we were sinners, He died for us.”
 - The example of Jesus Love – is how He commands us to love others...
 - **John 15:12** - "This is My commandment, you love one another as I have loved you."
 - Our response should be the same as Jesus – love – even loving those who hate us...
 - The reason – they are blinded by sin - they do not know what they are doing...
 - By loving those who mistreat us – we help open their eyes to see Jesus!
- o 7th – Jesus mother was standing near the cross... vs. 25-27
 - Jesus knew how hard it was for Mary to see her 'son' suffer and die...
 - John – the disciples Jesus loved – was the only disciple who came to the crucifixion...
 - Jesus looked at Mary – '**Woman behold your son**'...
 - He looked at John and said '**Son behold your mother**'...
 - From that moment on John took Mary into his home and took care of her!
 - Jesus dealt with everyone else first – and Himself last!
 - Too often in life we put ourselves first – then others – and perhaps last - God...
 - Then we wonder why life is difficult – and why we are unfulfilled...
 - God calls us to put Him first – **Matthew 6:33** / Then others – **Matthew 12:31**
 - And us – we are to be last – then we find joy and purpose in life!
 - In hard times - we have the tendency to focus on ourselves...
 - We want others to have pity on us – take care of us – look at our needs...
 - If I am always focused on the bad things – I am always going to miss the good...
 - It is when we focus on the Lord – that we no longer see the bad...
 - True joy comes when we get our eyes off yourself – and minister to the Lord/others!
 - **III John 1:4** – “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”
- 3RD - THE DEATH OF JESUS... vs. 28-30
 - o 1st - From 12pm-3pm – darkness (*of night*) covered the whole Earth – **Luke 23:44**
 - There has been much speculation on what caused the darkness – heavy clouds/eclipse
 - But it was not clouds or an eclipse of the sun – it was the death of light of the world...
 - **John 8:12** – “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world.’”
 - In the darkest hour in history – the Light of the World was extinguished...
 - Ironically - it was darkest – just before God gave us all the light of salvation
 - Times are often the most difficult in life – just before God does the most amazing work
 - I fear too often we give up – wear out – just before God does something incredible!
 - It is good to remember - it is always the darkest – just before the dawn...
 - o 2nd - The Veil of the Temple was torn in two – **Luke 23:45**

- Temple was divided into 4 parts – Outer Court/Inner Court/Holiest/Holiest of All
 - The Veil was no small piece of cloth – 60’ x 30’ x 4” – weighed an incredible 4 tons!
 - God (*top to bottom*) – not man – tore open the veil that separated man from God!
 - No longer is the way closed – it was opened up through the Cross - **Hebrews 4:16**
 - **The Holiest of all – is now our family room – where we can boldly enter...**
 - **Coming to our Father for mercy and Grace whenever we need it!**
- Not long after – the Jewish leaders sewed the veil back up...
 - God had opened up the way – men wanted to close it again...
 - They would rather have religion – than a true relationship with God!
 - **Men love religion because it puts salvation in their hands – not God’s...**
 - **But Religion cannot get you into heaven – on the contrary – it keep you from God...**
 - **It is like putting the Veil that Jesus tore down – back up again**
- o 3rd - Jesus knowing that all things were accomplished... vs. 30
 - Jesus said – **‘I thirst’** – His thirst was a result of His physical condition...
 - They gave Him a sponge filled with sour wine – and put it to His mouth...
 - Jesus’ scourging/crucifixion put Him in shock from massive loss of blood...
 - **His heart would race to pump blood that was not there...**
 - **His kidneys would shut down to preserve body fluids...**
 - **Experience extreme thirst as the body desired to replenish lost fluids...**
 - **Rapid heartbeat causes fluid to gather in sack around the heart...**
 - **The eventual effect was heart failure – Jesus died of a broken heart...**
 - Jesus said - **‘It is finished!’** - *Tetelestai* – Perfect/Passive/Indicative!
 - Jesus had not come to heal / make men rich / or tell us how to have better lives...
 - Jesus came to die – He came because we all destined for hell - because of our sin...
 - Through the cross His work was done – sin was defeated – death overcome...
 - Jesus paid a debt He did not owe – cause we owed a debt that we couldn’t pay
 - **I Peter 1:18-19 - “For you know that God paid a ransom to save you... the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”**
 - **Every year from June – August things get tight – there is not much money...**
 - **People end up with a lot of debt ‘utang’ – often more than they can repay...**
 - **When you have ‘utang’ you are embarrassed to even walk around the market...**
 - **Afraid you might run into someone you owe money to – with no way to repay...**
 - **We owed God a HUGE debt of sin – ‘utang’ and we had no way to pay it back...**
 - **And every time we sinned – we added to that debt – only making things worse!**
 - **All we could do was try to avoid God – dreading the day we would have to pay it back...**
 - **But Jesus took care of our debt – He paid the price for us – IT IS FINISHED...**
 - **So now we can walk boldly into the presence of God and not be ashamed!**
- o 4th - Jesus bowed His head – and sent away His spirit - **Matthew 27:50**
 - Romans and Jews did not kill Jesus – He gave up His life – He willingly laid it down...
 - **John 10:18 – “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.”**
 - And He had the power to take it back – and 3 days later He would...