

## The Telling of His Death So You May Believe

### ❖ Intro:

- **Today: Spiritual Assessment**
- **How the Crucifixion relates to our spiritual assessment...**
  - In a very great way...
  - We owe it to our Savior to take a deep look into our hearts...
  - He told us we must Hate our lives if we want to keep them...
  - He told us to give up everything and come and follow Him...
- **Jesus has called us to a different life**
  - And there is no time for making apologies for this...
  - We either answer the call or we do not...
  - We must stop trying to live in both worlds

### ❖ The Whole Chapter...

- **Not something I usually do...**
  - But I want to take the whole crucifixion in one piece...
  - I think it will benefit us greatly...
- **But, that makes for a lot of verses to cover...**
  - And I think this chapter lends itself well to that...
  - This chapter is a narrative where John is telling the story of the cross...
    - He even makes that point...
    - He says...<sup>35</sup> 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.”
  - **So John is telling the story...**
    - And we are going to look at it this morning...
    - But why?... Why are we going to look at it...
- **Look at it so we can:**
  - **Learn some facts...**
  - **Impress our friends with our Bible knowledge...**
    - Golgotha means place of the skull...
  - **Maybe to just entertain ourselves with the story of the death of the most talked about person**
    - To ever live..
  - **Or do we look into because we believe there is LIFE in these words...**
    - There is LIFE for the spiritually dead...
    - There is LIFE for those who have already been awakened...
  - **We see John telling us why He is writing these words...**
    - He could have told other aspects of the story...
    - A lot went on that day... Jesus hung on that cross for hours...
    - Yet all we get is one chapter of 42 verses...
  - **So... I want you guys to learn... Always ask why when you read the Bible...**
    - Why did He choose to tell us this... Why are these things so important...
    - So why does John write ch 19?

### ❖ The Main Point....

- **Lets get this right out there to begin with**
  - I already mentioned this verse...
- **Main Point...**

- <sup>35</sup> 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.
- **2 Things...**
  - To Have the Reader Trust His Account
  - So that the Hearer Would Also Believe...
- **AMAZING TRUTH:**
  - Everything hinges on this people...
  - Your eternal soul depends on if you believe John or not...
  - And He knows that...
  - **He knows that when a person reads this or hears this...**
    - ◆ That their soul is on the line...
    - ◆ If they fail to believe...
    - ◆ They will plummet... (and I mean a deep plunge) into the Pit of Hell Fire...
  - **But if they believe...**
    - ◆ Jesus says Himself:
      - Ch 1...They have the right to become children of God...
      - Ch 3...Whoever believes will not perish but have everlasting life
      - Ch 6 Whoever believes will never hunger nor thirst
      - Ch 7 Whoever believes will have springs of living water coming from their heart
      - Ch 11 Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet he shall live
      - Ch 11 Everyone who lives and believes shall never die
      - Ch 12 whoever believes in me shall not remain in darkness...
- **Believing is the Crux... It is the Heart of the Matter...**
  - So as we look at John's first hand telling of the Crucifixion...
    - ◆ With every word we hear... know that John is wanting you to believe...
    - ◆ If you already do... He wants you believing more so that you live it out
      - So others will believe
    - ◆ If you do not yet...
      - He wants you to believe because He wants you to gain eternal life with Jesus Christ...
- **We Will See Truths About God and How He Fulfills His promises...**
  - We will see many...
- **Lets Look at this in Four Sections**
  - #1 – The Fate of Jesus
  - # 2 – The Scene at The Cross
  - #3 – His Followers at The Cross
  - #4 – The Burial of Jesus

John 19:1-42 <sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup> 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." <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> 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?" <sup>11</sup> 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.”<sup>12</sup> 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.”<sup>13</sup> 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.<sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”<sup>15</sup> 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.”

## ❖ The Fate of Jesus

### ➤ Look at what they did to Jesus

- Many of you have heard this before... some haven’t
- And it is something we should always remember...
- The brutality in which they treated the Son of God
- Flogged Him...:
- Twisted a Crown of thorns and placed it down upon his head...
- Placed a Robe on Him and mocked Him
- Struck Him with their Hands...

### ➤ Pilate: The Show of Power and the Possession of None

- **Sometimes I feel bad for Pilate...**
  - It seemed like He tried to get Jesus released...
  - But He still showed himself to be a coward...
  - Because His desire for power and position outweighed His desire to do Right...
- **Pilate had told them to take him and try him (ch 18)**
  - Then He talked with Jesus...
  - He then tells them He finds no guilt in Him...
  - He tries to release Jesus, but Jews yell for Barrabbas..
  - So He has Jesus flogged...
  - He brings him back out... saying He still found no guilt in Him...
  - They still want Him crucified...
  - Pilate becomes afraid... And talks with Jesus some more...
  - Talks about his power to release Jesus...
  - While Jesus explains where the power actually resides...
    - ◆ Jesus was in total control in that situation
  - From that point on Pilate still tried to release Him
- **Pilate could not...**
  - Finally after continuing to try He gave Jesus over to be crucified...

### ➤ The Jewish Leaders...

- **What they Did:**
  - Yelling out : Crucify Him... Screaming it out
  - Then they give their Reason...
    - ◆ Because He made himself out to be the Son of God
  - Then they give an argument when Pilate wants to release Him
    - ◆ Saying that Everyone who makes himself King opposes Caesar
  - **Finally the seal their Fate when they say...**
    - ◆ We have no king but Caesar...
- **Seeking the Death of their God...**
  - This blows me away every time I consider it...

- The very people that should have known God when they saw Him...
- Totally missed it...
- **Spent time praying to and reading about the God of the Bible...**
  - Yet in all their reading...
  - They worshipped a false God...
  - When they failed to recognize Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God...
  - They failed to recognize God...
- **And it is crazy to think they spent their time:**
  - Not serving the One true God...
  - But Satan Himself...
  - They worshipped the Devil people...
- **Jesus makes this point clear when He is speaking to John in Revelation to the church at Smyrna...**
  - He calls those Jewish people... A Synagogue of Satan...
  - Not because they were Jewish... Because they did not know God...
- **Application:**
  - Be sure that you do not make up your own God...
  - While you are sitting in the church and hearing His Word being preached...
  - Do not allow your little kingdom... your wants and desires... become the driving force of your belief.
- **Jesus: Showing No Power and Possessing All**
  - John 19:10-11 <sup>10</sup> 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?” <sup>11</sup> 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.”
  - **Pilate Just Thought He Had Power... Jesus Really Did...**
    - Pilate says... I have authority to release you or to crucify you...
    - Unless it had been given you from above...
  - Jesus continues to be ready to stand and face the punishment for the sins of His people...
- **What Do We learn About God...**
  - That He came to die...
  - And nothing... not even a cowardly but sympathetic Pilate could stop that
  - Jesus was ready for you...
    - John wants you to know that this Jesus went willingly...
    - He went willingly for you...

<sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.’ ” <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” <sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>24</sup> 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,

## ❖ The Scene at the Cross

- **Jesus Bears His Own Cross...**

- The symbol of His suffering was carried on his back
- And He carries it for about 650 yards....
- More than 6 football fields long... and much of it was uphill
- **Crucified with two Thieves on each side of Him**
  - The other gospel writers give us a little more detail about these two characters...
- **The King of the Jews**
  - Pilate has this written...
    - Chief Priests object and want it to read... “He said he was the King of the Jews...”
    - Pilate says... What I have written I have written...
  - **Nothing less... But Oh so much more**
    - Because not only was He the King of the Jews...
    - But He was the King of Kings... The ruler of Heaven and Earth...
    - There before murderers hung the God and Savior of the World....
  - **But what an accusation against the many of that Nation**
    - They truly rejected their King...
    - And there on the cross they wanted their King to die...
- **Soldiers gathered and each of the four took a part of his clothes...**
  - Except his tunic... and they cast lots for it...
    - Because it was one piece... and they did not want to tear it...
    - Kinda like throwing dice for it... to see who wins it...
  - <sup>24</sup> 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.”
    - Psalm 22:16-18 <sup>16</sup> For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup> they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- **What do we notice about God here...**
  - **1.... He has John there as a very detailed witness...**
    - He wants this recorded by a real person living in a real time...
    - He wants this testimony out there for the world to hear from that day forevermore...
  - **2) We also see Him as a God that Fulfills prophecy**
    - This is important because it shows:
      - ◆ He knew this would happen before it ever happened...
    - And that is important because It shows God’s great and overwhelming power and foreknowledge...
    - As well as His great love toward His children in going through with this so our sins can be removed...
- **So... Remember... He is writing all of this...**
  - As a first hand witness... And He wants people to see this as a trustworthy account..
  - So that: They will believe

<sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## ❖ The Followers at the Cross

### ➤ His Mother... His Mother's Sister, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene...and John

- Three Marys and A Sister of Mary
- Her name meant Bitter...
- I do not think this to be a coincidence either...
- What a bitter moment for the Mother of Jesus...

### ➤ There they stood by the cross...

- All of his other followers had forsaken Him...
- But these 4 women and John were there...
- Watching...

### ➤ Jesus gives His mother to the Care of John...

- Even in His death...
- Even after being falsely tried
- Beaten and made to carry a cross to the Hill of Golgotha
- After being pierced through His hands and feet...

### ➤ Jesus is thinking about others...

- And since it was likely that Joseph had been dead by now...
- Jesus leaves His mother in the care of His beloved Disciple John,....

### ➤ It is finished

- <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."
  - Psalm 22:15 <sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
    - ◆ When you get a chance.... read Psalm 22
- <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### ➤ What was Finished

- His mission... His Task...
- The Bible puts it like this:
  - 1 Peter 2:21-24 <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
- **Jesus Die for Our Sins...**
  - He was killed because you and I are rebellious people..
  - Rebellious against God...

### ➤ And now We see His Burial...

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." <sup>37</sup> And

again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”<sup>38</sup> 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.<sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.<sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.<sup>41</sup> 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.<sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

## ❖ The Burial of Jesus and Continuing to Fulfill Prophecy

### ➤ The Day of Preparation

- Which meant it was the Day before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Nisan...
  - The same day that they were to be slaughtering the lambs for Passover
  - They are right in the middle of Passover
- **What a connection...**
  - You ever ask yourself why God had Israel do all those feasts
  - And the sacrificing of Lambs
  - And all the stuff surrounding their departure from Egypt all the way till this Day...
- Foreshadowing the Cross...

### ➤ Remember at the beginning of John...

- Some of the most convicting and amazing verses in the whole book of John...
- **John the Baptist sees Jesus walking and He says...**
  - John 1:29<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”
  - If you remember... We made the point that John the Baptist knew what He was saying
  - He wasn’t talking about some fluffy little farm animal...
  - This was my statement... Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 Sermon titles “John’s Testimony about a Lamb”
  - When John the Baptist calls Him a Lamb He was speaking of His Death...
    - ◆ Of how and why He would die

### ➤ God is not an accidental God...

- What is fascinating here is that the Chief Priests really wanted Jesus Dead...
- And the one time they did not want Him dead was during Passover...
- Yet that is exactly when God allows them to have Him killed...

### ➤ Jesus is the Passover Lamb...

- As the streets of Jerusalem were filled with the bleating of Lambs being slain...
- Jesus was on the cross as the Sin Bearer for the whole world...
  - Paul says... 1 Cor 5:7 “...For Christ our Passover Lamb has been slain”

### ➤ The Author of Hebrews explains it like this:

- Hebrews 9:25-26<sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own,<sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

### ➤ Prophecy Continuing to be Fulfilled...

- We see they wanted to break the bones of those crucified since the next day was the Sabbath
- But Jesus had died... when He wanted to... so they pierce Him through the side...
- And John makes this connection
  - <sup>35</sup> 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.<sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be

fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

- **He was referring to:**
  - ◆ Psalm 34 as well as the institution of the Passover in Exodus...
  - ◆ And... Zech 12:10...

➤ **Jesus is Buried...**

- Finally we see two other secret followers of Jesus...
- Joseph of Aramathea wanting the body of Jesus to take it to bury it...
- And we see Nicodemus whom we first met in John ch 3...
  - Nicodemus bringing 75 lbs of a mixture of myrr and aloe for His burial...
- And they wrap Him in linen cloth and they bury Him in the tomb there close to where He was crucified...

❖ **What Should You Do With The Truth of the Crucifixion**

- #1 – You should believe it
- #2 – You should understand what it means for those who believe it
- #3 – You should Remember it and Meditate on it... Think on it...
- #4 – Take You remembrance of it to Help You in two areas...
  - **#1 You Growth in Holiness (Sanctification)... Let it Help You in fighting sin...**
    - Think on the precious gift of Jesus... what He went through for us...
    - And use those thoughts to fight against the sins that rise up in your heart...
  - **#2 Give it to the world...**
    - The Cross was recorded so others may believe...
    - We should carry on this life changing and soul saving event to the lost around us...

❖ **Invitation**

- The main thing you need to ask yourself is...
  - Do you believe...
  - Do you truly believe and have you followed Jesus with your life...
  - Have you believed and had your sins taken away from you...
- That is the invitation today...