



Go for God!

“He Died, So You Could Live!”

JOHN Chapters 18 - 19

**> Key Prophetic Chapters regarding the CROSS:
Psalm 22, Isaiah 53.**

Chapter 18

> (v1-11) THE CORRUPTION!

(v1) Two “gardens” – From *Eden* (DELIGHT) to *Gethsemane* (OIL PRESS)

(v2-3) Three types of UNSAVED people:

- (1) Judas - an apostate;**
- (2) Pharisees - religiously unsaved;**
- (3) Roman soldiers – worldly sinners.**

(4-11) Observe four ATTRIBUTES OF TRUTH in regards to JESUS:

(1) (v4) Jesus KNOWS ALL THINGS!

(2) (v5-8) Jesus declares “*I AM!*” (meaning He is God incarnate, spoken with divine power, “*they fell to the ground*”) (Ps. 27:2; Philippians 2:9-11)

(3) (v8-9) Jesus the “GOOD SHEPHERD!” (John 10:11-15)

(4) (v10-11) Jesus is the “Prince of Peace” and the divine HEALER!

(v12-14) ANNAS & CAIAPHAS – Corrupt, envious, and evil high priest.

(v15-27) Peter’s three “DENIALS”:

#1 - (v15-17) FEAR paralyzes FAITH

#2 - (v18-25) Peter cowers to PEER PRESSURE instead of being filled with SPIRITUAL POWER (Why was Peter so weak? Answer: Matthew 26:36-46)

#3 - (v26-27) Peter SINNED to save his own skin, true SALVATION brings bold PROCLAMATION!

> (v12-40) THE COURT!

(v28-36) Observe the sham trial with no truth to convict.

(v37-38) The question is not “What is Truth?” – but should be “Who is Truth?” Jesus bore WITNESS TO THE TRUTH – His sinless life, His miracles, His teachings, His prophetic fulfillment, ultimately His resurrection!

Chapter 19

> **(v1-15) THE CROWN!**

(v1) *“they scourged Him”*- a whip with a handle and 9 straps w/metal & bone.

(v2-3) *“crown of thorns”*- **The curse upon the earth because of sin - Gen 3:18-**
Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,

(v4-13) *“Pilate afraid”*- **Matthew 27:19 (Pilate’s wife’s dream); Rev 21:7-8.**

(v14-15) *“We have no king but Caesar”*- Rejection of God, allegiance to the world!

> **(v16-29) THE CROSS!**

(v16-17) *“Golgotha, Place of a Skull”* - Something to think about - **Gen 3:14-15.**

(v18) **Jesus SAVES to the very END! – Luke 23:39-43**

(v19-22) **JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS – In Hebrew-** the way of Religion; **in Greek** – the way of philosophy; **in Latin** – the way of law and government.

> **Chuck Missler gives insight to this sign of declaration,** “When Jesus was crucified, Pilate wrote the sign that was nailed to the cross. The particular wording he chose displeased the Jewish leadership and they asked him to change it. He refused. There are some interesting aspects to this incident that are not apparent in our English translations.

And Pilate wrote a title, and put [it] on the cross. And the writing was, Jesus Of Nazareth The King Of The Jews.

This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, [and] Greek, [and] Latin.

Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. (John 19:19-22)

Pilate refused to revise the epitaph he had composed. This may have more significance than is apparent in our English translations. The Hebrew is shown below (remember, it goes from right to left):

HaYehudim	v Melech	HaNazarei	Yeshua
הַיְהוּדִים	וּמֶלֶךְ	הַנָּצְרִי	יֵשׁוּעַ
ה	ו	ה	י
H	W	H	Y

**Yeshua HaNazarei v Melech
HaYehudim: Jesus the Nazarei
and King of the Jews.**

What we don't notice in the English translation is that the acrostic made up of the first letter of each word spells out Yahweh (YHWH)!”

(v23-24) The Roman soldiers *“divided his garments”*- Psalm 22:18

(v25-27) Jesus loves and cares for His mother.

(v28-29) Fulfilling the prophecy of Psalm 69:21 - *They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*

> (v30-42) **THE CRY!**

(v30) *“It is finished!”* - Gk. *tetelistai* - a shout of VICTORY, once and for all!

(v31-33) The legs of Jesus *unbroken* - The bones of a Passover Lamb were to be unbroken. (Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12; Psalm 34:20)

(v34-37) The side of Jesus is pierced – Zechariah 12:10-11 - *“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.”*

- At the second coming of Christ we read in Revelation 1:7 - *Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.*

(v38-42) The Garden Tomb & Nicodemus – John 3:1-21 – **“YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!”**