



YOUR THOUGHTS

Have you seen a movie depicting the crucifixion of Jesus? What was that like?

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD

Rarely do we look at an entire chapter, but we will this week. John chapter 19 is a very powerful and climactic portion of Scripture. Jesus, the Son of God, came as our Messiah. John introduced this account with this notice: "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." (John 1:10-11). This dark truth unfolds in ten stark encounters. Read through the entire chapter and consider these questions and discussions.

What do you observe and feel as you read through this chapter?

This account is connected by the people who encountered Jesus. Consider another read through and list the people and their role in Jesus' crucifixion.

<u>Verses</u>	<u>Who encountered Jesus?</u>	<u>Role or actions?</u>
1-8	Pilate, soldiers, the Jews	Soldiers punished Him, Pilate presented him, the Jews insisted that they Crucify Jesus for sedition (claiming that He called Himself to be the Son of God and a king)
9-11	Pilate	
12-15		
16-22		
23-24		
25-27		
28-30		
31-34		
35-37		
38-42		

What was the role of the representatives of the Jews (Sanhedrin, Chief Priests including Caiaphas)? Why would they want this?

What was Pilate's reaction throughout the demand for crucifixion? Why did he decide to go through with it? (4-16)

What was the significance of the "notice" on Jesus' cross? (v. 19 – A notice / sign was a common thing in crucifixions) What change did the Jews demand of Pilate? (Note: The New American Standard translation of v.21 is "but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" Notice the "I am" words.)

What is the significance of the account of the two men who entombed Jesus?

Notice the repetition of the clause, "that the Scripture might be fulfilled." Why do you think that the author included these? (I.e., What was His purpose?)

Jesus' final words, "It is finished," could be translated as "It is accomplished." Why would these be Jesus' final words? What was finished/accomplished? (See Hebrews 9:12; 10:12, 18; 12:2)

As you consider Jesus in this chapter, what do you think and feel in your heart?

How were each of these people carrying out the sovereign will of God?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Most movies about the crucifixion focus on the physical aspects of Jesus' crucifixion. Why do you suppose that is true? What was Jesus' response to the physical pain? Where else do we see what Jesus suffered for us?

John states that his purpose was "that you also may believe." How does this chapter help with that purpose?

How can we as a group, glorify Jesus right now? During the week?

THIS WEEK

We are entering the week of Good Friday and Resurrection Day. This is a wonderful time to gather with friends to give thanks, to celebrate, and to worship our Savior.

PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for our Good Friday and Easter times of thanksgiving and praise to Jesus
- Please pray for the friends we invite to attend Easter services
- Please pray for our Middle and High school students
- Please pray for our short-term mission teams to be complete and equipped