

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 19:1-16

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“THE WAY OF THE CROSS” – PART 4

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John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 19:1-16

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

1.) *Was No Place for Just Any Man*

vv.1-3

So then Pilate took Jesus and **scourged** Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and **put it on His head**, and they put on Him a **purple robe**. 3 Then they said, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**" And they **struck Him** with their hands.

NOW INSIDE:

THE ROMAN SOLDIERS SCOURGE AND MOCK JESUS

Indoors, and Inside the Praetorium

Jesus is Scourged and Mocked by Pilate and His Men, and Rome

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Was No Place for Just Any Man

a.) Because The Way was altogether – Violent v.1

So then Pilate took Jesus and **scourged** Him.

The Roman Scourging

Was No Place for Just Any Man

b.) Because The Way was altogether – a Mockery v.2

So now, the soldiers twisted a **crown of thorns** and put it on His head....
...and they put on Him a **purple robe**.

a crown of thorns

Satan was the one who introduced thorns into the world in Genesis 3
Through Adam, Jesus Symbolically Represented the Sin of Mankind sent to remove the
curse of the thorns...

The Crown

* Crown grk 4735 **stephanos** (stef'-an-os);

A woven or twine wreath. That which is given as a badge of royalty
or as a prizewinner in the public Olympic games. Given to one who
finishes the completion.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally,
there is laid up for me the **stephanos** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous
Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved
His appearing.

CHRISTIAN – you should be desiring a crown for Jesus' sake!

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

For what is our hope, or joy, or **stephanos** of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 20 For you are our glory and joy.

1 Peter 5:4

and when the Chief Shepherd appears (rapture) talk), you will receive the **stephanos** of glory that does not fade away.

Revelation 4:9-11

Whenever the four angelic creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and they worship Him who lives forever and ever, and they cast their **stephanos** before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Jesus, years earlier had foretold Exactly how He was going to die

John 3:14-15

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 20:18-19

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death 19 "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

THE WAY OF THE CROSS *Was No Place for Just Any Man*

c.) *Because The Way was Altogether – Unfair*

v.3

Then they said, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**"
And they **struck** Him with their hands.

And they struck

The Verb Tense in the Greek Indicates,
They came repeatedly and often - to beat him!

That was Unfair,

File a Complaint with the Authorities

There is nothing fair

About salvation and forgiveness,

Isaiah 50:6-7

I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.

What Kind of a Man Would Take This Treatment.

Even if you were a 98 lb. Weakling -
Your tempter would flare

Even if you were the most dedicated pacifist -
Your human defense response would kick in

My Friend Look at Him

2,750 years ago the Prophet Isaiah Said

Isaiah 53:7-8

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation?

Amplified Version

Isaiah 52:13-15

Behold, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. 14 Just as there were many who were appalled at him-- his physical appearance was so disfigured and mutilated beyond that of any man and his human form marred beyond the likeness of a human-- 15 so his blood will sprinkle the nations, kings will hold their mouths shut because of him. For what they were not told of, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. So shall He cleanse nations.

1 Peter 2:24-25

for Jesus Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

2.) *Was Reserved for God Alone*

vv. 4-8

OUTSIDE:

PILATE PRESENTS JESUS TO THE PEOPLE

Was Reserved for God Alone

a.) *God's sacrifice for Sin must be inspected*

v.4

4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know **that I find no fault in Him.**"

Exodus 12:5-7

'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a must be male lamb of the first year. You shall take it from the sheep. 6 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. (3:00 to 6:00) ((here comes the spiritual application)) 7 'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they shall eat the lamb.

“Look Abba, Papa, Here is a Nice Little Lamb. He’s white and without a spot on him. His legs are straight and strong, his ears are perfect, can we have him papa?

Exodus 12:1-5

Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the **tenth day** of this month every man shall take for himself **a lamb**, according to the house of his father, **a lamb** for a household. 4 'And if the household is too small for **the lamb**, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for **the lamb**. 5 '**Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male...**

They Took The Lamb Into Their House

Played with it, slept with it, it became family... love association!

The Four Gospels

Reveal that Pilate said this three times - a royal declaration

Yet he refused to release him according to Roman justice

Why?

Because God’s Justice was in Effect

God's Justice Had a Trial
Mankind was found guilty

God's Justice Had It's Verdict
Mankind was Condemned / Banished

God's Justice Had It's Demand
Mankind must Pay the Price

Was Reserved for God Alone

b.) God's sacrifice for sin must be prepared v.5-6

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "**Behold the Man!**" 6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for **I find no fault in Him**"

"Behold the Man!"

This statement of Pilate's was a common one among judges who thought that the punishment was either in excess or enough!

It's a call for pity - look at his condition, look at his suffering

Notice With Me

The world governing empire and its leaders saw nothing damnable in Jesus

The Man-God

Stood before them condemned by their own prejudice and self righteousness

He was swollen, bloodied, and Ribboned by the
Roman Cat-of-Nine Tails
He looked like a crimson-mutated freak standing before them

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

*“Now standing before them, God had become a man,
and this is what he looks like.”*

John 1:1,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Colossians 2:14

having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Verse 5-6

for I find no fault in Him

this is the second announcement of His innocence

Luke 23:4

I find no fault in Him...

#1

Then Why Have Jesus Beaten?

#2

Then Why Have Jesus Scourged?

Because Pilate is Choosing to do the Wrong
Thing for Personal Peace

The Right Thing isn't always
the Easy Thing

James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

The Fear of Man is a Wicked Cage

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Was Reserved for God Alone

c.) God's sacrifice for sin must be God Himself v.7-8

7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." 8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, **he was the more afraid**

ROME HAD A MOTTO

“LET JUSTICE BE DONE THOUGH THE HEAVENS FALL”

- Justice and Fairness Never Agree
- Justice is the Law – Set in Stone – The Truth
- Fairness is Capricious – Wavering – Situational

God’s sacrifice for sin must be God Himself

These are the Bitter Herbs of the Passover Lamb

- He was **betrayed** by Judas whom He loved
 - **Denied** by Peter for whom He cared
- **Deserted** by His disciples that He protected
- **Rejected** by His nation that He had accepted
- **Humiliated** before the World that He came to save
 - **Condemned** by Pilate face to face
- **Scourged** by gentiles that He was about to die for
 - **And Mocked** by His people

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

3.) *Divides Between All People*

vv. 9-12

**INSIDE:
PILATE TALKS TO JESUS ABOUT
KINGDOM AUTHORITY**

“The Gospel of the Kingdom of God”

- Wouldn't ya think it would be about huggin' every one?
- How about creating a communal world where we share everything
- How about a “Love-In” where we just love on anything and anybody
- It's a place where everyone is tolerant of everyone else as long as there are no Christians there – yeah !!!

Matthew 10:32-36

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. 34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 "For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 "and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

Jesus Divides Houses and Relationships

Divides Between All People

a.) *Jesus is not of this world*

v.9-10

Pilate went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "**Where are You from?**" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

“Where are You from?”

The Greek Taught that the gods could and would come to earth as they willed. Pilate knew Greek Mythology and Religions...

**“Could Jesus Really Be a god?”
was Pilates' Fear**

Isaiah 53:1-7

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; he was despised, and we did not esteem Him 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

Where is He From?

I Wish You Would Ask Jesus This Question Today
"Where are You from?"

The Plot Worsens for Pilate

Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

His Own Words and Actions Condemned Him.

"I Had The Opportunity to Choose You,
I Could Have Believed in You but I Chose Not To"

THE WAY OF THE CROSS *Divides Between All People*

b.) Jesus is in charge

v.11

Jesus answered, "**You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.**"

" Pilate " - Says Jesus,
" You have nothing at all, My Father has
given you what ever you have, even your
authority has come from Him. "

**the one who delivered Me to you has the
greater sin."**

This is a dual indictment Against
Caiaphas and the Priesthood

Divides Between All People

c.) Jesus is the judge of all

Matthew 25:31-33

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

4.) Leads all to the Valley of Decision vv. 13-16

**OUTSIDE:
PILATE YIELDS TO THE PRESSURE OF THE PEOPLE**

Leads all to the Valley of Decision

a.) Jesus Is brought before the world

v.13

13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, **he brought Jesus out** and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

Caught Between the Wills

“The Will of the People”
is always a path toward destruction.
Man is unable to govern himself

By Man’s Decision, He Condemns Himself

Matthew 27:1

When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people **plotted against** Jesus to put Him to death.

Leads all to the Valley of Decision

b.) Jesus is rejected by the World

v.14-16

Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. (Roman Time = 6:00 AM) And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But 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 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. **So they took Jesus and led Him away.**

**Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover,
and about the sixth hour.**

It was the eve of Passover at 6:00 am Gentile Time

Matthew 27:24-25

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

2 Things Here are very True

#1

Pilate washed his hands – but couldn't wash his heart and mind

#2

**Jesus' blood was upon them and their children – and us
*and you!***

Leads all to the Valley of Decision

c.) Jesus is the Old Testament fulfillment of the sacrifice v.16

So they took Jesus and led Him away.

John 1:10-11

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

The Prophetic Lamb Moves Toward The Altar

John 18:31-32

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: 32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

Matthew 20:18-19

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

Isaiah 48:12

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called:
I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.

Isaiah 44:6

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **`I am the First and I am the Last;** besides Me there is no God.

Isaiah 41:4

Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? **`I, the LORD, am the first; and with the last I am He."**

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, **"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**

Revelation 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, **lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"**

Revelation 1:11

saying, **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,"** and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches

Revelation 21:6

And He said to me, "It is done! **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.**

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, them Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; **I am the First and the Last.**

Revelation 1:18

"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, `These things says the **First and the Last,who was dead, and came to life:**

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.
This is the true God and eternal life.

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifested in the flesh**, justified in the **Spirit**, seen by **angels**, preached **among the Gentiles**, **believed on** in the world, **received up** in glory.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**,

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**"

John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am He**, you will die in your sins."

John 10:32

Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" :33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because **You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**" (Jesus had obviously and clearly communicated to them that He was in fact God become man. fulfilling the decree of God that "Immanuel" would come, "God among us").

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.

That's why there is only one God, One Savior, One First and Last, One Alpha and Omega, One Beginning and the End, One Almighty, One King of Kings and One Lord of Lords...

A n d H i s N a m e i s J e s u s ! ! !

Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Prophetic Lamb Will Be Seen By All

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

If I Were Pilate

Insecure, afraid, ambitious, power hungry

If I Were the Soldiers

Resentful, racial, frustrated

If I Were the Pharisees

Envious, angry, jealous, panic

If I Were the People

Lost, confused, in doubt, hopes now dashed

ANYONE OF THESE CANCERS WOULD KEEP THEM FROM BEING HEALED OF THEIR SINS, - - WOULD KEEP THEM FROM COMING!