

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 19:25-42

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**“THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST”**

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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 19:25-42*

## **THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST**

The Most Documented Final Hours of  
Anyone in History

THERE IS NO GREATER KNOWN DEATH & FUNERAL  
IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY THAN THAT OF JESUS CHRIST.

Not Only Was Jesus' Life Recorded in the Scriptures  
but His Last Hours Have a Special Place in the Bible

## **THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**1.) Was God's Supreme Example of Love vv. 25-27**

**a.) Example of Love – His Life Changed Lives v.25**

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus (1) His mother, and (2) His mother's sister, (3) Mary the wife of Cleopas, and (4) Mary Magdalene.

He Changed Lives by Answering Man's Need  
That Need is to be Loved

- **By what He said**
- **By what He did**

Proverbs 25:11

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

Exodus 3:14

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**Now In Jesus' Darkest Hour**  
**His purpose for coming to earth was being witnessed**

Lives Had Been Changed

*Those Changed Lives had Become His Followers*

There is a Contrast Here Between His Followers and the World

John 19:23

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part...

4 Soldiers / 4 Followers

A PICTURE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

## Was God's Supreme Example of Love

### **b.) Example of Love – His Heart Becomes Our Heart v.26-27a**

26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold your son!**" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold your mother!**"

## Remembering Back

Luke 2:34-35

Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Notice how much Jesus is in control  
Even while He is still suffering

Luke 23:34

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

### **c.) Example of Love – His Love Lived Out in Us v.27**

... And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

In Ephesus Turkey - There Still Remains Today The burial site of the Apostle John and Mary, The mother of Jesus

## What Concerns God Should be our concern too

### BUT WHERE WERE THE OTHER DISCIPLES?

*It was right for John and Mary to be with Jesus to the End.*

**Both of Them Stood to Lose The Most from Jesus' Death,  
Because Both had Benefited the Most from His Life**

The level and degree of grieving over the loss of a loved one is equal to the blessing and love that was shared.

There are those who perish from off the earth,  
And not one tear is shed. – life just continues

“Life, After all of man’s achievements, comes death, pitiless and dark”

- Bertrand Russell, *Atheist*

## THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

### 2.) *Was God’s Perfect & Complete Plan* **vv. 28-30**

#### a.) *He had Perfect knowledge* **v.28a**

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now **accomplished**,

**accomplished**

(teleo = all that needed to be done was done, confirmed and finalized)

“knowing that all things were now **accomplished**”

#### b.) *He had Suffered in Our Place* **v.28b-29**

that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **"I thirst!"** 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth

#### **Listen to the Exchange**

Luke 23:39-44

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong. "Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in

Paradise." Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

Mark 15:34

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"

We Will Never Be Thirsty & We  
Will Never Be Alone-

2 Corinthians 5:21

For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us! (TLB)

### ***Was God's Perfect & Complete Plan***

***c.) He had Completed His Work (rest)***

***v.30***

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Isaiah 53:12

Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

### ***He had Completed the Work (rest)***

**"It is finished!"**

it is and forever will be - finished!

**Completed, Finished, Achieved, a Rest, in Total  
(with nothing to add, to alter, or to change)**

## In Theological Terms

The Redemption of Humanity was Both Completed  
As well as Enacted

That The Sins of Mankind  
Were Now Removed - And a Real, Practical Act of  
Sanctification was Underway

**But With a Loud Voice – A Shout**  
**"It is finished!"**

Researchers have agreed that for a man at this point to be able to shout is very remarkable. The physical condition of the victim would make any vocal attempt would be no greater than a hyper-whisper. A short, rapid and gasping breath that would only allow enough air for a faint whisper or moan.

Jesus "Worked" a Work on the Cross

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