

We will begin the 17<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Today's message is from John 19. /The title of the chapter is "The Cross." /Here are the main points.

/First, Pilate's questioning and judgment. /Verses 1-16. /Second, Jesus is nailed to the cross. /Verses 17-30. /Third, Jesus dies. /Verses 31-37. /Fourth, Jesus is buried. /Verses 38-42.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him.

/By flogging Jesus, Pilate wanted to win the favor of the Jews. /Pilate only wanted to flog Jesus, not kill him. /However, this is not the right method.

/It is a nasty and weak way to handle the situation. /As the judge, Pilate should have judged fairly. /Jesus was flogged just as the word of God said he would be. /Isaiah 53:5. /These whips were normally leather straps.

/Attached to the ends of these whips were lead balls or bones. /When someone was flogged with these whips, their flesh would rip open, and the person would be in misery.

/Verses 2-3. /And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.

/The soldiers taunted Jesus. /Because Jesus said he is King, the soldiers treated him like a king. /They weren't sincerely serving him as King.

/Rather, assuming he was King, they taunted him and mocked him. /Instead of placing a crown on his head, they put a crown of thorns on Jesus' head. /Jesus suffered because we sinned with our heads and ideologies.

/Jesus wore a purple robe. /The soldiers, intending to mock Jesus, arrayed him in a purple robe. /They also placed in his hand a reed. /The soldiers gave Jesus a reed instead of a king's scepter or staff.

/Then the soldiers made Jesus kneel, and they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" /Jesus was taunted and despised because of our sins.

/He suffered and was mocked because of our sins. /Pilate said that he did not find Jesus guilty. /In verse 4, Pilate declares Jesus' innocence for a second time.

/Verse 5. /So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

/Pilate brought Jesus, who was weary and miserable, out from the headquarters. /The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and clothed him with a purple robe. /Pilate showed Jesus to the Jews.

/He did this to win the sympathy of the Jews. /However, the Jews despised Jesus even more and wanted to kill him. /Pilate was not holding a fair trial. He was doing things the wrong way.

/Verse 6. /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.”

/The Jews do not have the right to nail someone to a cross. /18:31. /Pilate knew that they couldn’t nail Jesus to the cross. /He was doing whatever he could to prevent Jesus from being killed.

/Pilate here declares for a third time that Jesus has no guilt in him. /He said, “For I find no guilt in him.” /18:38. /19:4.

/Verse 7. /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.”

/The Jews replied, “We have a law.” /Leviticus 24:16 /Deuteronomy 18:20 /According to the law, anyone who blasphemes the name of God is to be put to death.

/The chief priests and the officers used the Bible to kill Jesus in their jealousy. /They used the Bible to condemn Jesus. /Hearing this, Pilate was afraid. /He was afraid because he heard that Jesus is the Son of God.

/Verse 9. /He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.

/After returning to the headquarters, Pilate asked Jesus, / “Where are you from?” /Jesus did not reply. /Why didn’t Jesus say anything?

/Jesus had already told Pilate enough about himself. /18:33-37. /Also, Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent, but he did not release him. /For these reasons, Jesus did not answer.

/Jesus told him that he is the spiritual King. /Pilate did not understand this. /Because Pilate would not understand even if he told him, /Jesus gave no answer.

/Verse 10. /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?”

/Pilate told Jesus, “Do you know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” /He emphasized that he wanted an answer.

/Verse 11. /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.”

/All authority comes from God. /God gave man authority, so man must use it correctly. /Romans 13:3,4 / “Jesus said, “He who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

/Pilate’s sin was great, but greater is the sin of the one who delivered Jesus. /The sin of the Jews was greater. /They were jealous of him, and they tried to kill Jesus, who was without sin. /Therefore the Jews’ sin was greater. /Because Pilate held an unfair trial, his sin is great as well.

/Verse 12. /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.”

/Pilate tried to released Jesus. /However, the Jews became more frantic in their wanting to kill Jesus. /They said, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend.”

/Worrying about losing his position as governor, the weak Pilate did not come to a proper verdict. /He did not release Jesus.

/In verse 13, Pilate, hearing these words, brought Jesus to a place called The Stone Pavement. /He sat at the place of judgment. /Here, he came to his final decision.

/Verse 14. /Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

/The Preparation of the Passover is the day before the Passover. /The verse says that it was the sixth hour. /In Roman time, it is six in the morning.

/Verse 15. /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 crowd, as ordered by the chief priests and Pharisees, cried out, “Crucify him!” /There may have been some in the crowd who ate bread through Jesus.

/There may have been people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem by saying, “Hosanna.” /Their minds were like reeds. /They moved according to the trend.

/The crowd said, “We have no king but Caesar.” /They were not sincerely elevating Emperor Caesar as king. /They were using flattery to have Jesus killed.

/Verse 16. /So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

/Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. /He is an unjust judge. /He said that Jesus is innocent multiple times. /But to please the people, for his personal gain, Pilate killed Jesus. /Thus Pilate became a sinner forever.

/Verse 17. /and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

/In Rome, crucifixion is the most heinous form of capital punishment. /Therefore, they did not sentence Roman citizens to crucifixion. /It was only applied to slaves or people living in colonies.

/Jesus bore the cross and went to the place called The Place of a Skull. /The hill was shaped like a skull, hence the name “Skull.” /The word in Hebrew is “Golgotha.” /In Latin, it is “Calvary.”

/Jesus bore the heavy cross and went. /He fell down as he went, he was flogged, and he fell down some more. /A passerby by the name of Simon of Cyrene carried Jesus’ cross. /Mark 15:21

/Verse 18. /There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

/The Roman soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. /Two prisoners were crucified on either side of Jesus. /Jesus did not have any sin. /However, he was crucified like the thieves who were next to him.

/Jesus bore our sin. /He is without sin. /However, he bore our sin and died on the cross in our place. /Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sin.

/Verses 19-20. /Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 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.

/An inscription was attached to Jesus’ cross. /It said, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” /It was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.

/This is a proclamation to the whole world that Jesus is the spiritual King. /It is proclaiming to the world that Jesus is the Messiah. /The Jews wanted to change the inscription to say, “This man said, I am the King of the Jews.” /However, Pilate denied their request.

/Verse 23. /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,

/The soldiers divided Jesus' garments and they cast lots for them. /Psalm 22:18. /It was fulfilled as the Bible was written. /In this way, Jesus died on the cross without any garments.

/He owned nothing in this world. /He became poor for us. /He allowed us to be blessed infinitely. /Jesus was put to shame for our sin in our place.

/Verse 25. /but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

/Four women stood next to Jesus' cross. /The disciples could not approach Golgotha, but these women followed. /They followed Jesus to the place of crucifixion.

/Verses 26-27. /When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

/Jesus obeyed God to his death. /He suffered intense pain on the cross. /In the midst of this, Jesus remembered his mother. /He asked Apostle John to take care of his mother.

/Therefore we need to be upright before God. /We need to be upright before others. /The Ten Commandments include commandments about God and about people. /The fifth commandment is about honoring your father and mother.

/Verse 28. /After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

/Jesus said, "I thirst." /Jesus said seven things. /This is the fifth thing he said. /Jesus was flogged. /He wore a crown of thorns.

/The Lord was nailed to the cross. /He lost water and blood. /As a result, he was thirsty. /He became thirsty because of our sins. /Psalm 69:3

/Jesus died on the cross to give the water of life to our thirsty lives. /John 4:14 /He gave water of life to thirsty lives. /The words of the Bible were fulfilled. /Psalm 69:21

/Verse 29. /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.

/It says here that the Roman soldiers drank sour wine. /A sponge is an ocean plant that absorbs water, much like cotton does. /Hyssop is a reed-like plant that stands about 1-2 meters tall.

/The people held the sour wine to Jesus' mouth. /Matthew 27:48 /The Bible was fulfilled as it was written. /Psalm 69:21 /Psalm 69:3

/Verse 30. /When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

/Jesus said, “It is finished.” /He completed and kept the words of the Old and New Testament Bible. /He fulfilled his calling. /He completed the work of redemption of mankind.

/He completed the work of the forgiveness of sins and the work of sanctification. /The Old Testament prophecies about Christ were fulfilled. /The verse says, “Gave up his spirit.” /Jesus died, and his soul went to heaven.

/Verse 31. /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.

/The day of Preparation, a Friday, is the day before the Passover. /It was an important Sabbath, the first day of the Passover. /Yes, the first day. /Exodus 12:16. /Leviticus 23:7 / During these times, the Passover was on a Saturday, which was the day of the Sabbath.

/Deuteronomy 21:22 says that a body hanging on a tree is cursed. /For this reason, the body must be buried on the same day. /The verse says that the Jews asked for their legs to be broken. /A wooden hammer was used to strike people on their knees as the method for breaking legs. /This was done to quickly reduce their pain. /It made them die more quickly.

/Verses 32-33. /So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

/The soldiers broke the legs of the thieves. /However, Jesus was already dead. /They did not break his legs, but left him alone. /This fulfilled the words of the Bible. /Refer to verse 36.

/Verse 34. /But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

/The soldiers pierced Jesus’ side. /Water and blood came out of his side. /Jesus spilled water and blood for us. /He sacrificed his entire life for us.

/Verse 35. /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.

/He who saw it is the Apostle John. /The Apostle John witnessed Jesus’ death at the foot of the cross. /He recorded the words of the Bible according to what he saw. /Therefore the Bible is factual, and it is the truth.

/Verses 36-37. /For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

/None of Jesus’ bones were broken. /The Passover lamb of the Old Testament was not to have its bones broken. /Exodus 12:46. /The Bible was fulfilled as it was written. /Jesus became the Passover lamb. /Zechariah 12:10 was fulfilled. /The verse says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

/Verse 38. /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.

/Joseph of Arimathea is a disciple of Jesus. /Matthew 27:57 /He was someone who waited for the kingdom of God. /Luke 23:51 /He was also a member of the council. /Mark 15:43 /This man was not one of the twelve disciples.

/He was a disciple who believed secretly. /Joseph of Arimathea boldly approached Pilate. /He asked for Jesus’ body.

/He received permission, and he took Jesus’ body away. /He buried Jesus’ body. /In such a time, Joseph of Arimathea must have done what we did. /Because he was a member of the council, he was able to meet with Pilate.

/He had authority. /The other disciples could not meet with Pilate. /Joseph could. /Thus Joseph properly used the authority that God had given to him. /He was able to give Jesus a burial.

/Verse 39. /Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pound in weight.

/Nicodemus joined Joseph of Aramathea in giving Jesus a burial. /Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and had learned the truth of regeneration. /3:2 /Nicodemus believed in secret. /He defended Jesus before the Pharisees. /7:50

/After Jesus died on the cross, Nicodemus gave him a burial. /The verse says that he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pound in weight. /They were very expensive spices. /2 Chronicles 16:14 /In this way, Nicodemus sacrificed.

/Verse 40. /So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

/Joseph of Aramathea and Nicodemus applied the spices to Jesus’ body. /They wrapped his body in linen cloths. /Jesus died on the cross at 3 o’clock in the afternoon. /Three hours later, it would be the next day.

/That being so, in the three hours after Jesus' death, they went to Pilate, /they applied the spices to Jesus' body and wrapped him in linen, /and they conducted the burial. /They did all these things in three hours. /They were very short on time.

/Verse 41. /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.

/Joseph of Aramathea was a wealthy man. /He was also old. /He had prepared a tomb for his death. /He prepared a new tomb. /Jesus was buried in this new tomb.

/Joseph of Aramathea joyfully offered his tomb to Jesus. /Matthew 27:57 /Furthermore, the Bible was fulfilled as it is written. /Isaiah 53:9 says, "And with a rich man in his death."

/Jesus was poor. /However, he was buried in a rich man's grave. /Joseph gave up his tomb for Jesus. /Some person offered his donkey for God. /Mary poured perfume on Jesus.

/We do not always have the opportunity to serve God or be faithful to him. /We must devote ourselves and give offerings when God has given us the opportunity. /We need to be faithful and serve him when he has given us gifts.

/Verse 42. /So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

/The day of Preparation is the day of Preparation for the Passover. /The day after is the Sabbath. /It was also a high day. /Verse 31. /The reason is it was both the day of the Passover and the Sabbath.

/After Jesus died, they only had three hours. /They hurriedly buried Jesus in Joseph's tomb in the garden.

/In this way, Jesus died for the sins of his chosen people. /Jesus, who is without sin, suffered in our place. /We need to be grateful and be deeply moved by the Lord's love. /We too need to follow the Lord.

/This concludes the 17<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.