

Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

March 16, 2022

John 19: 28 - 37

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Pastor Tom read verses 28 through 30 and asked us what stood out the most to us.

Verses 28 - 30

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*Some responses included: how Scripture was fulfilled and the blood and water coming out of His pierced side.

Psalm 69: 20 and 21 says:

Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. 21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Psalm 22:15 says:

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

*The punishment that Jesus was taking broke His heart. He was full of heaviness and no one took pity on Him. And as an added insult they gave Him bitter vinegar when he was thirsty. All this was predicted 100s of years before Jesus even said, "I thirst."

*It has been said that His broken heart also caused the water to be mixed with His blood when His side was pierced.

*Jesus' statement, "It is finished", reminds us that He then knew that all the things He had come to earth to accomplish, all things written in Scriptures, had now been fulfilled. Mark Batterson writes in the book "Draw the Circle" that God can accomplish in one day what it might take us a lifetime or more to do!

*Especially note that Jesus gave up the ghost - that is, He willingly gave His life for us. This was God's plan all along and it's got to be His way , not ours.

Verses 31 through 33

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*The Jewish leaders had requested that Pilate would authorize breaking the crucified men's legs to hasten their death so that they were not still dying when Passover began at sunset that day. They needed time to deal with the bodies before the holy day began and they'd be marked unclean. When the Roman guard carried out this gruesome task, Jesus was already dead. Therefore, as prophecies foretold, they did not need to break Jesus' legs. He could be our Passover Lamb, spotless and unblemished.

Psalm 34:20 says: *He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.*

*Jesus was not broken!

Verses 34

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

*As noted before, blood and water spilled out when Jesus side was pierced after He was dead. This can show us that Jesus shed every single drop of blood He had for us!

Verses 35 through 37

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*The 'he' that saw these things and recorded them is the beloved disciple, John. It is a first-person eye witness account of exactly what happened that day. And John wrote about these events so that we might believe! In John 21:25 he notes:

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

*Again in verses 36 and 37 we see that a Roman soldier has fulfilled prophecies without even knowing it!

*Other Scriptures listed as being fulfilled within John 19: 28 - 37 include:

Zechariah 11: 10 and 11

Zechariah 12: 10

*Pastor Jon shared that the word 'paradise' has a Persian root that means 'God's Garden'. The 2nd thief spoken of in Scripture was the very first to be redeemed after Jesus died. Other notable gardens of course include the Garden of Eden (where the first Adam caused the curse for all men to die), the Garden of Gethsemane (where the Second Adam, Jesus, pleaded for God to take the cup from Him) and a Garden of Stones (where the Tomb was that held Jesus temporarily before He rose so that all men may live).

Stay tuned as next week as we learn about
Joseph of Arimathea and the Legend of the White Thorn...