“IT IS FINISHED”

John 19:16b–42

Key Verse: 19:30

1. How is Jesus’ crucifixion described? (16b–18) Why does John emphasize that Jesus carried his own cross? Why were crucifixions done at this place? Why did they crucify Jesus in between two others?

2. What notice did Pilate have attached to the cross, and why? (19) Who read it? (20) Why did the chief priests protest? (21) What did Pilate say to them, and why? (22)

3. What did the soldiers do, and how did even this fulfill Scripture? (23,24) Who stood near the cross of Jesus, and why? (25) What did Jesus do, and what does this show about him? (26,27) How is he a contrast to the soldiers?

4. When and why did Jesus say, “I am thirsty”? (28) Why did the soldiers give him wine vinegar? (29; cf. Ps69:21) Read verse 30. Why did Jesus say, "It is finished"? How do his words explain the meaning of his crucifixion to us?

5. Why did the Jewish leaders ask Pilate to have the crucified men’s legs broken? (31) What special things happened to Jesus? (32–34) What is the author’s purpose in telling us this? (35) What Scriptures were fulfilled, and why is this important? (36,37)

6. What surprising thing did Joseph of Arimathea do? (38) What did his companion Nicodemus do? (39) How did the two of them care for Jesus’ body? (40) What accounts for their change? Where was Jesus buried, and why? (41,42)