

UNEXPECTED SACRIFICE

John 19:16-42

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Introduction

The political theater has ended, a guilty verdict has been given, and the sentence of crucifixion begins. Jesus leaves the city bearing his own cross headed for The Place of a Skull. He is crucified, and Pilate writes, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. This pagan Roman leader publishes the truth in an attempt to antagonize and humiliate the Jews. In reality, this UNEXPECTED SACRIFICE fulfills Scripture and finishes the work of salvation.

Jesus is reigning from the cross. As he suffers, he entrusts the care of his mother to John. Jesus declares, "It is finished!" This was not a cry of defeat or the announcement of his death; it was a declaration of victory. He had paid it all. The King is dead. Secret disciples bury him. It is finished, and the tomb in Golgotha's garden contained the price for Eden's curse.

Outline

The cross heralds that Jesus is the King for everybody (vv. 19-20).

King Jesus was reigning from the cross (v. 24).

Personal suffering should not prevent us from caring for others (vv. 26-27).

The one who gives living water suffered thirst so that you could drink freely from the well of salvation (v. 28).

Religious work cannot add anything to what Jesus finished (v. 30).

God will use your testimony to help others believe (v. 35).

Secret disciples are more concerned about what others think than with what God thinks (vv. 38-39).

The tomb in Golgotha's garden contained the price for Eden's curse (vv. 41-42).

Application

Have you responded to the cross of Jesus Christ?

Are you resting in Jesus' finished work?

Are you a secret disciple?

Questions

1. Why was Jesus crucified, according to Pilate? Why was Jesus crucified according to Isaiah 53; Matthew 20:28; 1 Peter 2:24-25; Romans 3:23-25; 1 John 4:10; Ephesians 1:7
2. How does Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Psalm 22:18; Psalm 69:19-21; Psalm 34:19-20, and Zechariah 12:10?
3. What did Jesus finish (John 19:30), and what does that mean for Christians? Name some ways we try to add to Jesus' finished work.
4. Do you find it challenging to share your testimony or talk about Jesus? Why or why not?
5. How might meditating on the cross help you see that the penalty for your worst sin is paid in full? Why is that difficult to believe sometimes?