

Jesus Crucified

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John 19:10–11 (ESV)

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?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.”

Jesus crucified! This whole scene seems to be absolutely demonic. We all should read Chapter 19 to understand the outrageous gruesome punishment poured out on the one person in all of human history who didn't do a single thing wrong. Even his enemies couldn't find him guilty of any wrongdoing. Everyone here should watch Mel Gibson's 2004 movie, "The Passion of the Christ". He does a humanly good job in giving a historically correct and Biblically accurate account of Jesus' crucifixion. It is horrifying! It is hard to comprehend, but it is the absolute truth! Nothing could be more horrible than God the Father watch HIS Son being ridiculed, abused, tortured, and suffer a horrific slow painful death. In eternity past and future, nothing could be worse. This morning I am not going to go over all the gruesome details, but I want to point out a couple interesting lessons revealed in this chapter. First of all, Lesson **#1, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God has HIS hands wrapped around everything that is happening in this world. Note these verses!**

Pilate said to Jesus, **“You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”** Or to paraphrase, “Hey Jesus, you had better talk to me. I have all authority over you.” Please listen carefully to what Jesus said. Jesus answered, **“You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.”** This is the most horrific event in human history and Pilate has authority because God gave it to him. Do you believe this? If so, do we believe God would work through an evil authority in our life, our human mess. Nothing escapes God’s touch. Understanding this, the Scripture comes alive?

Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

In our circumstances, where is our mind? God is at work.

God used Pilate to give the people what they wanted and at the same time God fulfilled HIS purpose, our forgiveness, and our reconciliation.

John 19:15–19 (ESV) NO/OH

Pilate said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵ The people 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.” ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

God gave a man, Pilate, authority to perform the greatest injustice the world has ever known. Pilate executed Jesus, then fulfilling prophecy, declared to all who Jesus was!

John 19:19 (ESV) NO/OH

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

Please note. No one could kill Jesus. HE willingly died. At the right time, HE gave up HIS spirit.

John 19:30 (ESV) NO/OH

Jesus said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus said, "It is finished!" The Apostle Paul gives us an account of this event with the reason behind it.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin (Jesus was innocent), so that in Jesus we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the crucifixion! God put our sin on Jesus. Now lesson #2, redeemed, by the crucifixion, we live out the crucifixion. We as believers now walk dependent on Christ.

Matthew 16:24 (ESV)

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after ME, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow ME."

“Deny himself” means stop acting independent of God. To follow Christ, means to be dependent on Christ and listen to HIS voice. This doesn’t mean follow rules especially someone else’s rules. **This means to love God with all your heart and soul. The Bible says that if you do this you will fulfill all the Law and everything the Prophets have said. After all we have the Parakletos. **Past:** We are reconciled to God. **Present:** We are in the position God intended us to be. **Future:** We live through Christ in us. No rules, it is relationship. The Apostle Paul understood the power through Crucifixion!**

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been “crucified” with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

No longer I, but Christ who lives in me. When we live the crucified life, the dependent life, led by the Parakletos, the Holy Spirit, God supernaturally moves in our life to exalt us on earth and in heaven.

The crucifixion means Jesus alone!

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

And there is salvation in no one else, but Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.