

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 19 PT. 1: The Crown of Thorns

Introduction: We leave **Chapter 18** where the people chose the rebel, Barabbas, over **Truth (JESUS)!**

John 14:6 (AMP) – ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.



John 19:1-22

Verses 1-3

John 19:1-3 (NASB) – ¹ So Pilate then took Jesus and had Him flogged. ² And the soldiers twisted together a **crown of thorns** and placed it on His head, and put a **purple cloak** on Him; ³ and they *repeatedly* came up to Him and said, “**Hail, King of the Jews!**” and slapped Him in the face *again and again*.



Key: The original **Hebrew** word used here is ***dakah***, which means to crush, shatter, or break in pieces. Father G-d was not pleased by the actual pain being inflicted, but rather by the **ultimate purpose** of that sacrifice. Remember, Jesus came to be a **lamb**, **not a king**!

- They thought this was mocking Him.
- They thought this was humiliating Him.
- They did not know that they were fulfilling the plan of the Father.

Isaiah 53:10 (AMP) – ¹⁰ Yet the LORD was willing To crush Him, causing Him to suffer; If He would give Himself as a guilt offering [an atonement for sin], He shall see *His* [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong *His* days, And the will (good pleasure) of the LORD shall succeed *and* prosper in His hand.

Verse 4

John 19:4 (NASB) – ⁴ And *then* Pilate came out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you so that you will know that I find no grounds at all for charges in His case.”



Note: In other words, Pilate is saying, “See, I’m just driving the getaway car; I didn’t rob the bank”!

- The Jewish Leaders handed Him to Pilate and Pilate handed Him to the People.
- They thought that somehow this would take the blame from them.
- They are all, so to speak, throwing the bag full of money around thinking it will prove they did not rob the bank!

Verse 5-7

John 19:5-7 (NASB) – ⁵ Jesus then came out, wearing the **crown of thorns and the purple robe**. And *Pilate* said to them, “Behold, the Man!” ⁶ So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they shouted, saying, “Crucify, crucify!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify *Him*; **for I find no grounds for charges** in His case!” ⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because **He made Himself out to be the Son of God!**”

Note: Jesus did not make Himself out to be the Son of G-d. Father made the announcement Himself!

1st - To John The Baptist:

Matthew 3:17 (AMP) – ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “**This is My beloved Son**, in whom I am well-pleased *and* delighted!”

2nd - To Peter:

Matthew 16:15-17 (KJV) – ¹⁵ He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? ¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: **for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**



Crowns of Thorns

- Roman Soldiers turned a symbol of royalty into one of humiliation and torture.

Purple Robe

- Roman soldiers placed it on Jesus to mock His claim as "King of the Jews," but it ironically symbolized His identity as the ultimate High Priest and King.

Verses 8-11

John 19:8-11 (NASB) – ⁸ Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was *even* more afraid; ⁹ and he entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to Him, “Are you not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “**You would have no authority over Me at all, if it had not been given to you from above;** for this reason the one who handed Me over to you has *the* greater sin.”

Understanding: Even amid suffering, Jesus never lost His identity!

- He never allowed His circumstances to dictate who He was.
- What He was going through did not change His Sonship.

Verse 12

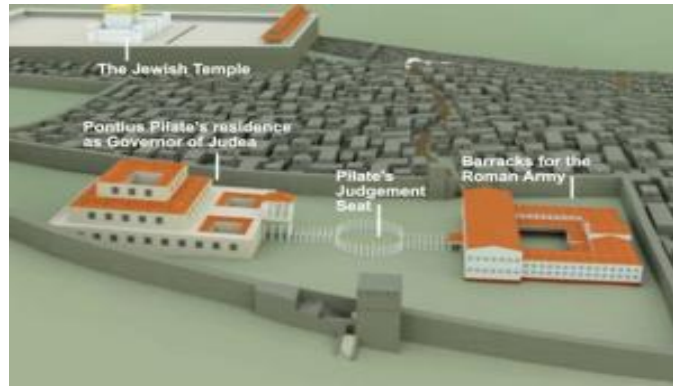
John 19:12 (NASB) – ¹² **As a result of this**, Pilate made efforts to release Him; but the Jews shouted, saying, “If you release this Man, you are not a friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself *out to be* a king opposes Caesar!”

Key: The words Jesus spoke in **Verse 11**, “**for this reason the one who handed Me over to you has *the* greater sin,**” put fear in the heart of Pilate!

- Pilate wanted to release Jesus, but he has already gone too far.
- His fear of Caesar was greater than his fear of G-d.

Verses 13-15

John 19:13-15 (NASB) – ¹³ Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the **judgment seat at a place called The Pavement—but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.** ¹⁴ Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Look, your King!” ¹⁵ So they shouted, “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 except Caesar.**”



The Crucifixion

Verse 16

John 19:16 (NASB) – ¹⁶ So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.



Verses 17-18

John 19:17-18 (NASB) – ¹⁷ They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, carrying His own cross, to the *place* called the **Place of a Skull**, which in Hebrew is called, **Golgotha**. ¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.



Deeper Meaning:

- Golgotha is the ancient, biblically documented site outside the walls of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified. The word translates directly to "the place of the skull". While its exact physical location is debated, it is traditionally venerated in the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**.



Verses 19-22

John 19:19-22 (NASB) – ¹⁹ Now Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written: “JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.” ²⁰ Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, *and* in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’; rather, *write* that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”



Key: This is a great lesson in life; some things just cannot be taken back...**IT IS WRITTEN!**

The End