

WEEK 9: JESUS OUR SAVIOUR SUFFERED

DAY 1: JUDAS BETRAYED JESUS

John 13:21-30. John 18:1-14

1. For the next two weeks we will look at the last days of Jesus on earth. The gospel of John takes many chapters for these days. It tells more about the last days than the other gospels do. Jesus prayed much during this time.

In His prayer in John 17, why did Jesus ask the Father to give Him glory?_____

Jesus prayed that we may be one. Then instead of asking that we be out of the world, what did He ask? _____

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2. Jesus wanted glory so He could give glory to the Father. He asked that we be kept from the Evil One. Jesus knew why He had come to the earth. He had come to give us life. In order to do this He had to die. He had to suffer much. As we learn about His suffering, we will see many things.

- (1) Jesus was willing to suffer so He could give us life.
- (2) Judas made Jesus suffer by betraying Him.

In your Bible read John 18:1 to 11. Read verse 4 again. Was Jesus surprised that they came to arrest Him? _____

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3. Jesus was not surprised. He knew everything that would happen to Him. He expected to be arrested. He expected to suffer. But that did not make the suffering less. Remember what we read a few weeks ago.

John 12:27:

Now my heart is troubled --and what shall I say? Shall I say, 'Father, do not let this hour come upon me'? But that is why I came --so that I might go through this hour of suffering.

Was Jesus willing, or unwilling, to suffer for us? _____

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4. He was willing. Jesus suffered in many ways. This week we will see how Judas, Peter, the high priest, Pilate, and the Roman soldiers made Jesus suffer. He knew all this would happen. Remember what He said to His disciples.

John 12:32-33

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (in saying this he indicated (or showed) the kind of death he was going to suffer.)

What did Jesus have to do in order to give us life? _____

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5. He had to die. He had to suffer. He knew He would be nailed to a cross. We say that Jesus came to show us God's love. And that is true. We say Jesus came to show us what God is like. And that is true. But He came most of all to bring us life. Jesus told the disciples that He would suffer.

John 16:16:

In a little while you will not see me any more.

John 18:11:

... Do you think that I will not drink the cup of suffering which my Father has given me?"

Who was willing to suffer in order to give us life? _____

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6. Jesus was willing to do this. He knew it would be hard. He was a man. He knew that the thorns would hurt. He knew that the beating would cut His back. He knew that the nails would be terrible. He would give up His body for you and me. This is what He meant when He talked about living bread.

John 6:51:

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever.

Jesus was willing to suffer so He could give us what? _____

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7. Jesus wanted to give life. He did this by giving His body. The body of Jesus became the great sacrifice. The Jews sacrificed bulls and goats. But their sacrifices were not perfect. Only Jesus made the perfect sacrifice. Jesus was the only man who never sinned. He gave up His body to suffering in order to bring life. We show this when we eat bread at the communion service.

To whom did Jesus want to give life through His suffering? _____

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8. He wanted to give it to us. He wanted to give it to all people who would receive it. Jesus knew this would be hard.

John 13:21:

After Jesus had said this, he was deeply troubled and declared openly, "I am telling you the truth: one of you is going to betray me."

Why was Jesus willing to suffer? _____

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9. Jesus was willing to suffer so He could give us life. One of the hardest things He suffered was to have Judas betray Him. To betray means to help someone's enemies. Jesus knew that Judas would help the leaders of the Jews. He said this about Judas not long after He chose him.

John 6:70-71:

Jesus replied, "I chose the twelve of you, didn't I? Yet one of you is a devil!" He was talking about Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. For Judas, even though he was one of the twelve disciples, was going to betray him.

Why do you think it was so hard for Jesus that Judas betrayed Him? _____

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10. Be ready to talk about this in class. Jesus had chosen Judas. He had taught him. Judas had gone with Jesus everywhere. Jesus had allowed Judas to keep the money which they had for food and giving to the poor. Now this man who had lived so close to Jesus was turning his back. He wanted to help Jesus' enemies. This made Jesus suffer very much.

Why was Jesus willing to suffer? _____

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11. Jesus was willing to suffer so He could give us life. As Jesus and the disciples ate together on the last evening, Jesus was suffering. He suffered when He said that one of them would betray Him. Most of the disciples were surprised. They asked who it was who would betray Jesus.

John 13:26-27:

Jesus answered, "I will dip some bread in the sauce and give it to him; he is the man." So he took a piece of bread, dipped it, and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

To whom did Judas Betray Jesus? _____

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12. He betrayed Jesus to the leaders of the Jews. These were the enemies of Jesus. They were ready to kill Him. They wanted someone to show them where Jesus was during the night. They did not want to arrest Jesus in front of the people. Judas went to the leader of the Jews. At the beginning of this lesson you read how he brought soldiers to the garden. This is where Jesus had gone after praying for the disciples.

John 18:3:

So Judas went to the garden, taking with him a group of Roman soldiers, and some temple guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees; they were armed (with swords) and carried lanterns and torches.

Who made Jesus suffer by betraying Him in the garden? _____

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13. Judas did this. He brought soldiers and guards. These men had swords to fight with. It must have been strange to see people coming to Jesus this way. But Jesus was not surprised. He stepped forward and asked who they were looking for.

John 18:5:

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered. “I am he” he said. Judas, the traitor (or betrayer), was standing there with them.

How did Judas make Jesus suffer? _____

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14. Judas betrayed Jesus. He stood there watching as the soldiers talked to Jesus. It is hard to know what he was thinking.

John 18:6:

When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they moved back and fell to the ground.

It seems that the soldiers were surprised and afraid of Jesus. But then they took courage and came forward again.

Why was Jesus willing to suffer? _____

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15. He was willing to suffer so He could give us life. Peter had said that he would go with Jesus anywhere. He had said He was willing to die with Jesus. Now Peter thought it was time to fight for Jesus.

John 18:10-11:

Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the High Priest's slave, cutting off his right ear. The name of the slave was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back in its place! Do you think that I will not drink the cup of suffering which my Father has given me?"

But how did Judas make Jesus suffer? _____

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16. Judas betrayed Jesus. Jesus did not fight the soldiers. He was ready to die.

John 18:12:

Then the Roman soldiers with their commanding officer and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus, tied him up, and took him first to Annas.

The leaders of the Jewish must have been very happy to see their enemy tied up. They thought they had won a great victory. But remember that the matter was not finished.

Sometimes it seems that evil is stronger than good. Can you think of a time in your life when it seemed like that? _____

What helped you to keep on following God? _____

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17. Be ready to share your answer in class.

Why was Jesus willing to suffer? _____

How did Judas make Jesus suffer? _____

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DAY 2: THE HIGH PRIEST GAVE JESUS A BAD TRIAL
John 13:36-38. John 18:15-27

1. This week we are learning all the ways in which Jesus suffered.

Why was Jesus willing to suffer? _____

How did Judas make Jesus suffer? _____

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2. Jesus was willing to suffer so He could give us life. Judas made Jesus suffer because he betrayed Him. Other people made Jesus suffer too. Yesterday we saw that Peter tried to fight for Jesus. But soon he forgot how brave he was. He too made Jesus suffer. Of course the high priest made Jesus suffer too.

- (1) Peter made Jesus suffer by saying three times that he did not know Him.
- (2) The high priest made Jesus suffer by giving Him a false trial.

Take your Bible now and read John 18:12 to 18. Read verse 15 again. What did Peter and another disciple do after Jesus was arrested? _____

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3. They followed Jesus. Perhaps the other disciple was John. John did not want to put his own name in his book. This disciple got inside the place where Jesus was taken. Then he helped Peter get inside too.

John 18:17:

The girl at the gate said to Peter, "Aren't you also one of the disciples of that man?" "No, I am not," answered Peter.

What did Peter say when someone asked if he was a disciple of Jesus? _____

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4. He said: No, I am not. Peter had tried to fight for Jesus. Sometimes we forget that he tried to protect his leader. But Jesus had said to put his sword away. Now Peter was afraid. Jesus had told him what would happen.

John 13:38:

Jesus answered, "Are you really ready to die for me? I am telling you the truth before the cock crows you will say three times that you do not know me.

How many times would Peter say he did not know Jesus? _____

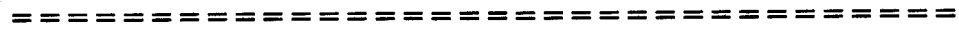
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5. Jesus had told Peter he would do this three times. Now as the priests began to question Jesus, Peter waited.

John 18:25:

Peter was still standing there keeping himself warm. So the others said to him, "Aren't you also one of the disciples of that man?" But Peter denied it. "No I am not," he said.

Who made Jesus suffer by saying three times that he did not know Jesus? _____

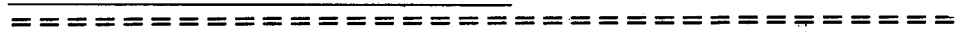


6. It was Peter who did this. He did it three times just as Jesus said he would.

John 18:26-27:

One of the High Priest's slaves, a relative of the man whose ear Peter has cut off, spoke up. "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" he asked. Again Peter said "No"--and at once a rooster crowed.

How did Peter make Jesus suffer? _____

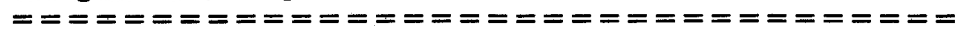


7. Peter said three times that he did not know Jesus. During this time Jesus was being tried. But it was a false trial. The high priest and other leaders did not even follow their own laws. Their laws said that a man could not be tried at night. But this was the middle of the night. Their laws said there must be witnesses who agreed. But there were no witnesses who agreed.

John 18:13:

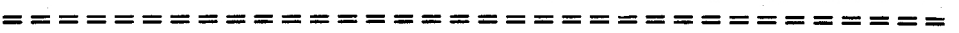
and (they) took him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year.

During his trials, who questioned Jesus first? _____



8. The first one who tried Him was Annas. Annas had been high priest the year before. He was still called high priest, even though his son-in-law now had this position. In the days of Moses and Aaron the high priest was a good man. But now in the days of Jesus the high priest was not good. The position of high priest was given each year by the Roman government. They gave the job to whoever had the most money to buy it. Annas was the one who got money from the animals which were sold in the temple. He was the leader of the money changers. You remember that Jesus drove the traders out of the temple. It is easy to see why Annas hated Jesus. Let us read what happened.

In your Bible read John 18:19 to 24. Read verse 19 again. In this verse, who questioned Jesus? _____



9. It was the high priest. Most of the people hated Annas. He cheated them and took their money. Annas made a law that only the animals at the temple could be used for sacrifices. Then he made these animals very expensive. He hated Jesus for saying that the temple was a place for thieves. Now Jesus was a prisoner and Annas could try Him.

John 18:20:

Jesus answered, "I have always spoken publicly to everyone; all my teaching was done in the synagogues and in the Temple, where all the people come together. I have never said anything in secret.

Who was suffering because the high priest gave him a false trial? _____

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10. Jesus was suffering. He came to save people. And now a very bad man was giving Him a false trial. Jesus knew that there should be witnesses at a trial. Instead Annas was asking questions straight to Jesus. They could not find witnesses who could agree. Oh! This was a very bad trial. See what Jesus said.

John 18:21:

Why, then, do you question? Question the people who heard me. Ask them what I told them--they know what I said.

Who was making Jesus suffer by giving Him a false trial? _____

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11. It was the high priest. It was not right to make Jesus speak about Himself. In most courts today this is still true. The leaders must ask witnesses.

Japheth Mpande is a good pastor. He has a motorcycle for transport. Mr. Mpande uses it very much to visit his people. One rainy night a thief stole the motorcycle. Japheth and I went to the police station together. The police had arrested the thief. They had the motorcycle. When the thief came to trial, the magistrate asked witnesses what happened. He did not ask the thief.

If the trial of Jesus was breaking the laws, what kind of trial was it? _____

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12. It was a false trial. Jesus Himself pointed out a law which they were breaking

John 18:22-23:

When Jesus said this, one of the guards there slapped him and said, "How dare you talk like that to the High Priest!" Jesus answered him, "If I have said anything wrong, tell everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you hit me?"

How did the high priest make Jesus suffer? _____

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13. The high priest gave Jesus a false trial. Only the gospel of John tells us about this trial by Annas. Annas was a powerful man. But Caiaphas was really the high priest at that time. So he had to try Jesus too. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell us about the trial by Caiaphas. Only John tells us about Annas.

John 18:24:

Then Annas sent him, still tied up, to Caiaphas the High Priest.

It was at this time that Peter was questioned the third time. How did Peter make Jesus suffer? _____

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14. Peter said three times that he did not know Jesus. Jesus was being tried. But the trials were not true. The Jews had been planning to kill Jesus long before this. Now Jesus went to Caiaphas. Caiaphas was the one who had said that one man must die for all the people. The leaders were afraid of Jesus.

How did the high priest make Jesus suffer? _____

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15. He gave Him a false trial. The trial broke many laws. It was held at night. There were no witnesses who agreed. The leaders forced Jesus to witness for Himself. First they went to Annas. Then they went to Caiaphas. Tomorrow we will see that they also went to Pilate. All this time Jesus was tied with ropes. They were really afraid of Him. If they had been doing right they would not have needed to be afraid.

What do you think makes people afraid of Jesus even today? _____

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16. Be ready to talk about this in class.

How did Peter make Jesus suffer? _____

How did the high priest make Jesus suffer? _____

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DAY 3: PILATE MADE JESUS SUFFER

John 18:28-40. John 19:1-3.

1. Yesterday we saw that Jesus had three trials. He was questioned by Annas the father-in-law of the priest. Then He was tried by Caiaphas and the Jewish leaders. Finally He was taken to Pilate, the Roman governor. Today we will learn what happened in the third trial.

How did Peter make Jesus suffer? _____

How did the high priest make Jesus suffer? _____

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2. Peter said three times that he did not know Jesus. The high priest gave Jesus a false trial. Many people made Jesus suffer. He was suffering because of our sins too. The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus. Their way of killing Jesus was by stoning. But they could not stone Jesus because too many people loved Jesus. Instead they went to the Romans who ruled over them. They took Jesus to Pilate. Let us learn

During the trial by Pilate
Jesus got the name: King
of the Jews.

Take your Bible now and read John 18:28 to 38. We read some of these verses in Week 3 of this course.

As we learned, what does Messiah mean? _____

When Pilate asked if Jesus was a king, what did Jesus say? _____

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3. The name Messiah means: Anointed. When Pilate asked Jesus if He was a king, Jesus answered: You say that I am. This was the third trial that Jesus was given. Early in the morning Jesus was taken from Caiaphas' house to pilate's house. Pilate was the Roman governor. If the Jews went into a Gentile's house they would be unclean. They waited outside until Pilate came.

John 18:29:

So Pilate went outside to them and asked, "What do you accuse this man of?"

To whom did the Jews take Jesus for His third trial? _____

4. They took Him to Pilate. Pilate was surprised. The Jews did not usually bring their own people to him. The Jews did not like Pilate. The country of Rome was ruling over them. Pilate was the governor sent from Rome. He needed to know why the Jews would bring a man like Jesus to him.

John 18:30:

Their answer was, "We would not have brought him to you if he had not committed a crime."

When Pilate asked the Jews what they accused Jesus of, did they give him a good answer? _____

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5. They did not answer him well. They did not answer his question at all. Perhaps you have asked your children a question. When they start to give answers like this, you know they are not telling the truth.

Pilate said that the Jews should try Jesus themselves. They said that they were not allowed to kill anyone. But they did kill people sometimes. Later they stoned Stephen to death for preaching about Jesus. But they were afraid to stone Jesus.

John 18:33:

Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus. "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him.

What name did Pilate ask Jesus about? _____

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6. The name was: The king of the Jews. We have learned how Jesus answered. He first asked Pilate whether he wanted to know this for himself. We learned that Jesus will show Himself to those who seek Him. Then Jesus explained that His kingdom was not of this world.

John 18:37:

So Pilate asked him, "are you a king, then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me."

As we learned, was Jesus truly the King of the Jews? _____

7. He was truly their king. But they did not want to hear this. This is why they wanted to kill Him. But Pilate did not forget this name. He used it every time he spoke about Jesus. He did not want to kill Jesus.

John 18:38-39:

Then Pilate went back outside to the people and said to them, "I cannot find any reason to condemn him. But according to the custom you have, I always set free a prisoner for you during the Passover. Do you want me to set free for you the king of the Jews?"

What name did Pilate use for Jesus? _____

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8. He called Him: The King of the Jews. Perhaps you can remember times when the people wanted to make Jesus king. After He fed 5000 men they wanted to take Him by force and make Him king. But Jesus knew they did not understand this miracle well. They were only looking for earthly things. They wanted someone to care for their bodies and not their hearts.

Did Jesus want to be an earthly king for the Jews? _____

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9. Jesus did not want to be an earthly king. He wanted to be King of their hearts. John also told us about another time when they wanted to make Jesus king. This was after He raised Lazarus from the dead. They shouted and waved branches as Jesus came riding into Jerusalem.

Jesus wants to be King in everyone's heart. But He wanted to be King of what people first of all?

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10. He wanted to be the King of the Jews. In order to do this He must die on the cross. He did not look like a king as he stood before Pilate. Pilate could not find anything wrong in Him. But Pilate was afraid to let Jesus go. So he had Jesus beaten. Then the soldiers made a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus' head.

John 19:3:

and (they) came to him and said, "Long live the King of the Jews!" And they went up and slapped him.

What name was Jesus given during the trial under Pilate? _____

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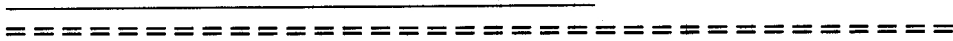
11. He was called: The King of the Jews. Pilate went on trying to find a way to let Jesus go.

John 19:12:

... But the crowd shouted back, "If you set him free, that means that you are not the Emperor's friend! Anyone who claims to be a king is a rebel against Emperor!"

The Emperor was the king of Rome. The Jews hated this king. But they hated Jesus even more.

Why do you think they hated Jesus so much? _____



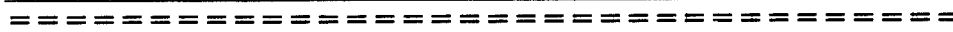
12. Be ready to share your answer in class. Jesus wanted to be King in the hearts of the Jews. He wanted to rule their lives. He wanted to change them. He could have made the leaders of the Jews to be good men. But they did not want this. Instead they wanted their power and their riches.

Pilate did not want to let Jesus be killed.

John 19:14:

It was then almost noon of the day before the Passover. Pilate said to the people, "Here is your king!"

What name was given to Jesus during the trial by Pilate? _____



13. The name was: The King of the Jews. Pilate could not forget this name. He had it written on the cross when Jesus was crucified. The Jews did not like that. But Many people read it because it was written in three languages.

John 19:19:

Pilate wrote a notice and had it put on the cross. "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews," is what he wrote.

Jesus is still on trial before us today. He wants to be king of our hearts. We either make Him King, or we make Him suffer.

Your people need to hear this lesson. Prepare a sermon from the things you have learned this week. On another paper write the big things you will say. Preach the sermon if you can. Bring your paper to class for the leader to see. You may get some help from the lesson in Week 3 Day 1.



14. Be ready to tell the class how the people received your sermon.

What name was given to Jesus during the trial by Pilate? _____



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DAY 4: THE ROMAN SOLDIERS MADE JESUS SUFFER

John 19:1-27

1. We have seen that the book of John tells more about the trials of Jesus than the other books.

What name was given to Jesus during the trial by Pilate? _____

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2. The name was: The King of the Jews. But this made Jesus suffer. Even though it was true, it was not used truly. Pilate did not receive Jesus as King. He did not even let Him live. Pilate and the Roman soldiers made Jesus suffer more.

- (1) Pilate made Jesus suffer by letting Him be killed even though he did not find wrong in Him.
- (2) The Roman soldiers made Jesus suffer by nailing Him to the cross.

In your Bible read John 19:4 to 11. Who was still holding Jesus on trial? _____

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3. This was the trial by Pilate. Yesterday we saw that the Jews did not give Jesus a good trial. They only wanted to kill Him. Jesus had not done anything wrong. So there was no way that He could be killed after a true trial. Pilate kept on saying that he could not find anything wrong in Jesus.

John 18:38:

... Then Pilate went back outside to the people and said to them, "I cannot find any reason to condemn him."

Did Pilate want to kill Jesus? _____

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4. Pilate did not want to kill Him. Remember this verse from yesterday.

John 18:39:

But according to the custom you have, I always set free a prisoner for you during the Passover. Do you want me to set free for you the king of the Jews?

What did Pilate want to do with Jesus? _____

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5. Pilate wanted to set Jesus free. But he could not find a way to do this and keep his position. In our lives we face a trial of Jesus like this. We must either make Him King, or else we make Him suffer more. Pilate did not make Jesus King. He did not set Him free.

What did Pilate do to Jesus as Judas, Peter, and the high priest had done?__

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6. Pilate made Jesus suffer. The people wanted Barabbas to be set free. Barabbas was a robber. He was a very bad man. But in order for Barabbas to go free, Jesus had to remain a prisoner. He had to suffer. We can think of ourselves in the place of Barabbas. We can go free because Jesus suffered.

John 19:4:

Pilate went back out once more and said to the crowd, "Look, I will bring him out here to you to let you see that I cannot find any reason to condemn him."

What could Pilate not find?_____

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7. He could not find any reason to condemn Jesus. He brought Jesus out before all the people. This must have been hard for Jesus.

John 19:6:

When the chief priests and the temple guards saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them. "You take him, then, and crucify him. I find no reason to condemn him."

Even though Pilate found no wrong in Jesus, what did he say they could do?

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8. He said they could crucify Jesus. This is what had been written many years before by the prophets. Jesus would die for our sins. But that did not make it right for those who killed Him. The Jews said Jesus must die because He said He was the Son of God. They wanted Him to die because He spoke the truth!

John 19:7:

We have a law that says he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.

Who let Jesus be killed, even though he did not find any wrong in Him?_____

9. Pilate did this. He made Jesus suffer. He loved his position more than he loved Justice. The Jews said that if he let Jesus go he would not be a friend to the Roman king. Pilate wanted to be a friend of the Roman king. He decided not to let the King of the Jews go free.

John 19:16:

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

How did Pilate make Jesus suffer? _____

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10. Pilate let Jesus be killed even though he did not find any wrong in Him. It is not enough to say: Pilate let Jesus be killed. You must have the full answer. It is important that Pilate did not find any wrong in Jesus. Pilate was a weak leader. He was not a good man. Pilate gave Jesus back to the leaders of the Jews and soldiers. The Roman soldiers also made Jesus suffer.

How did they have to put Jesus to death? _____

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11. They had to crucify Him. But before that they made Him suffer in other ways. They made a crown from thorns and put it on His head. You know what thorns are like. Perhaps you have caught your hand on one or stepped on one. Think how it would be to have many thorns pushed into your head! The soldiers also called Jesus, "King of the Jews" and hit him in the face.

John 19:16-18:

... So they took charge of Jesus. He went out, carrying his cross, and came to "The Place of the Skull," ... There they crucified him.

Who suffered by being nailed to the cross? _____

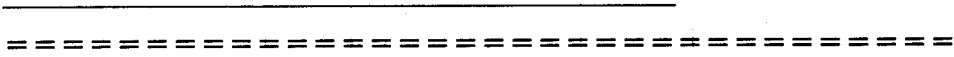
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12. It was Jesus. The Roman soldiers made Him suffer in many ways. Finally they drove nails through His hands and feet. They planted the cross in the ground. Jesus hung from the nails.

John 19:23:

After the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. From this lesson write one other way in which they made Him suffer. _____

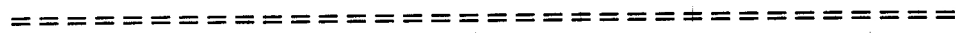


13. Perhaps you wrote that they made Him a crown of thorns. Or they hit him in the face. Or they divided out His clothes.

John 19:23-24:

... They also took the robe, which was made of one piece of woven cloth without any seams in it. The soldiers said to one another, "Let's not tear it; let's throw dice to see who will get it." This happened in order to make the scripture come true: "They divided my clothes among themselves and gambled for my robe."

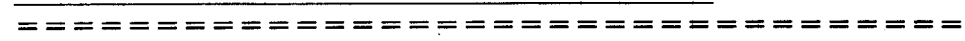
Who made Jesus suffer by nailing Him to the cross? _____



14. The Roman soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. The Jews might have stoned Jesus. But Jesus said that He must be lifted up. The Romans used the cross to kill people. This was a cruel way of death. It was so cruel that no Roman could be put on a cross. It was only used for other people.

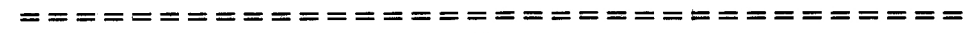
Today we think of the cross as a sign of the church. Christians wear little crosses or put them on their churches. But in those days the cross was used to kill people.

The Roman soldiers made Jesus suffer by nailing Him to a cross. But how did Pilate make Jesus suffer? _____



15. Pilate let Jesus be killed even though he did not find any wrong in Him. Jesus was lifted up on the cross. That is what Jesus said would be done.

Besides making Him a crown of thorns, laughing at Him, and dividing His clothes, how did the Roman soldiers make Jesus suffer? _____



16. They nailed Him to the cross. Jesus hung there by the nails in His hands and feet. It is hard for us even to think about the pain which He felt. It must have been terrible to look at Him. Yet He was hanging there for us.

The friends of Jesus stood near the cross. Even in His pain, Jesus thought of His mother.

In your Bible read John 19:25 to 27. Who would help the mother of Jesus in her sorrows?

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17. It was the disciple whom Jesus loved. We believe this was John.

How did Pilate make Jesus suffer? _____

Besides making Him a crown of thorns, laughing at Him, hitting Him, and dividing His clothes, how did the Roman soldiers make Jesus suffer?

WEEK 9: JESUS OUR SAVIOUR SUFFERED

DAY 5: JESUS SAID: IT IS FINISHED

John 1:29. John 19:25-42.

1. Today we will look at the work that Jesus came to do. He came to earth to be our Saviour. He came to die for you and me. This week we have seen that He suffered much in order to die for us.

How did Pilate make Jesus suffer? _____

Besides making Him a crown of thorns, laughing at Him, hitting Him, and dividing His clothes, how did the Roman soldiers make Jesus suffer?

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2. Pilate let Jesus be killed even though he found no wrong in Him. The Roman soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. All of this happened as the prophets had said it would. Jesus could not take our punishment for sin unless He died. Many things which happened showed that He truly was God's Son. Let us look now at His death.

- (1) To show that He had paid the price for our sins, Jesus said: It is finished.
- (2) It is important that the soldiers did not break Jesus' legs but instead pierced His side. This fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies written about Him

Take your Bible now and read John 19:28 to 30. Who was fulfilling all the things written about the one who would come? _____

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3. Jesus was fulfilling them. It is easy for us now to see that He was the Son of God. But the people in His time needed to know. They did not think that their Messiah would die for the sins of the world. John the Baptist knew Jesus came to earth. Remember what he said about Jesus.

John 1:29:

The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

What did the people of Israel sacrifice lambs for? _____

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4. They sacrificed lambs for sin. They were looking for the Messiah to save them. But they did not know that He would save them by dying. John knew this. He knew that Jesus would be sacrificed for sin.

Sin had been man's problem since the first man and woman sinned. Sin keeps us from God. But Jesus paid the price for our sin. Now we can have fellowship with God again.

How did Jesus pay the price for our sin? _____

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5. He did this by dying. Jesus knew that He would die. He even knew the way in which He would die. Jesus told the disciples that he would be lifted up. He knew that He would be nailed to a cross.

John 19:28:

Jesus knew that by now everything had been completed; and in order to make the scripture come true, he said, "I am thirsty."

Jesus wanted to give us life. Why did He have to suffer and die? _____

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6. He died to pay the price for our sin. As He was dying He had great pain. In His pain He became thirsty and they gave Him wine to drink.

John 19:30:

Jesus drank the wine and said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and died.

What did Jesus say on the cross to show that He had paid the price for our sins? _____

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7. He said: It is finished. The words which Jesus spoke were the words used in buying and selling. When a sale was made, they said, "It is finished." This meant it was all paid for.

What was Jesus paying for when He said: It is finished? _____

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8. He was paying for our sins. We could not pay for them. We were separated from God. Jesus paid for all of the sin of everyone who would believe. Jesus could do this because He never sinned. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice. He died for everyone. But I want you to know that Jesus died for **your** sins too. He took your sins with Him to the cross.

Jesus died more quickly than other people on the cross. Perhaps this was because our sins were so heavy on Him.

In your Bible read John 19:31 to 37. Read verse 33 again. Why did the soldiers not break Jesus' legs?

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9. It was because He was dead already. In his writing John explained that this had been written by the prophets. John was careful to point out many special things which happened to Jesus. These were important because they fulfilled what was written.

In the beginning of this course you learned why John wrote his book. Say John 20:31 to yourself. Look in your Bible to see if you said it right.

Think about that verse. If John showed many Old Testament writings which had been fulfilled by Jesus, what would this help people to believe?

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10. This would help them believe that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God. You remember that John wrote his book when he was an old man. Matthew, Mark, and Luke had already written about the life of Jesus. But John wanted to write things that would help people believe. Now he was explaining another writing which was fulfilled.

John 19:33-34:

But when they came to Jesus they saw that he was already dead, so they did not break his legs. One of the soldiers, however, plunged his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water poured out.

Instead of breaking the legs of Jesus, what did one soldier do? _____

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11. He pierced Jesus' side. The writer of the book wanted people to know that he saw this happen.

John 19:35:

The one who saw this happen has spoken of it, so that you also may believe. What he said is true, and he knows that he speaks the truth.

Who wrote to show how the Old Testament writings had been fulfilled so people could believe? _____

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12. It was John who did this. He explained more about it. He showed that the writings said that Jesus would be pierced.

John 19:37:

And there is another scripture that says, "People will look at him whom they pierced."

Why did John think it was so important that Jesus was pierced? _____

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13. This fulfilled the Old Testament writings. It showed that Jesus was the one whom God has promised to send. The One whom God sent had to die. His body was put into an earthly tomb.

John 19:38:

After this, Joseph, who was from the town of Arimathea, asked Pilate if he could take Jesus' body. (Joseph was a follower of Jesus, but in secret, because he was afraid of the Jewish authorities.)

What did Jesus say on the cross to show that He had paid the price for our sins? _____

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14. Jesus said: It is finished. His followers were very sad. They did not know what He meant when He said it was finished. They thought that all their hopes were finished. They thought that Jesus was not the Messiah after all.

Joseph had help in putting the body of Jesus into a tomb. We learned about Nicodemus.

John 19:39:

Nicodemus, who at first had gone to see Jesus at night, went with Joseph, taking with him 30 kilograms of spices, a mixture of myrrh and aloes.

Later the disciples, Joseph, and Nicodemus all understood why Jesus died. Why was it so important that the soldiers pierced Jesus side instead of breaking His legs?

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15. This fulfilled the Old Testament writings. After Jesus rose from the dead, He explained everything to the disciples. But at the time of His death they could not understand. It was a very sad day for them. It was the day when the Jews had the Passover Feast. They did not see that the real Passover Lamb had just been sacrificed on the cross.

Why do you think Jesus died on the very day when people were preparing for the Passover?

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16. Be ready to talk about this in class. Jesus died as the people were killing lambs for Passover. Jesus was the true Passover Lamb.

What did Jesus say on the cross to show that He had paid the price for our sins?

Why was it so important that the soldiers pierced Jesus' side instead of breaking His legs?
