

# The Crucified Son of God (John 19)

Questions: Week Nineteen

# Jesus Sentenced to be Crucified - John 19:1-16

Topics: <u>Beliefs</u>, <u>Character</u>, <u>Circumstances</u>, <u>Convictions</u>, <u>Fear</u>, <u>Hardheartedness</u>, <u>Hypocrisy</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Peer Pressure</u>, <u>Power</u>, <u>Self-centeredness</u>, <u>Status</u>, <u>Truth</u>

### **Open It**

- 1. \*What pressure tactics do special interest groups use on politicians?
- 2. In what ways do people sometimes compromise what's important in order to advance their career or status?

- 3. What did Pilate and the soldiers do to Jesus? (<u>19:1-3</u>)
- 4. To what conclusion had Pilate come concerning Jesus? (<u>19:4-5</u>)
- 5. How did the Jews react when Pilate presented Jesus to them? (19:6)
- 6. What did Pilate want the Jews to do with Jesus? (19:6)
- 7. \*Why did the Jews insist that Jesus had to die? (19:7)
- 8. How did Pilate respond to the Jews' demands? (<u>19:8-9</u>)
- 9. What authority did Pilate claim to have? (19:10)
- 10. What authority did Pilate really have? (19:11)
- 11. What did Pilate try to do for Jesus? (19:12)
- 12. \*How did the Jews pressure Pilate to give in to their demand to crucify Jesus? (19:12)
- 13. \*How did Pilate respond to the Jews' pressure tactics? (<u>19:13-16</u>)
- 14. Whom did the crowd claim as their king? (19:15)

- 15. What would you have done had you been in Pilate's situation?
- 16. \*What position or possession might you be tempted to preserve at the expense of doing the right thing?
- 17. \*When and why might we allow the pressures of the moment to compromise our beliefs or standards?
- 18. Who or what are the "kings" that people worship today?
- 19. What person or thing often competes with God for rule of your life?

- 20. How can you make Jesus the King of your life?
- 21. \*What pressure to compromise your principles will you determine to resist this week?
- 22. How can you use your status or position of power to do right and help others?

# The Crucifixion - John 19:17-27

Topics: <u>Atonement, Believers, Caring, Enemies, Family, Humiliation,</u> <u>Jesus Christ, Love, Sacrifice, Suffering, Unbelievers</u>

### **Open It**

- 1. \*What sort of sacrifices did your parents make for you?
- 2. What to you is the most humiliating situation you can imagine?

- 3. To where was Jesus forced to take His own cross? (19:17)
- 4. \*What did the soldiers do to Jesus? (19:18)
- 5. Who was crucified with Jesus? (<u>19:18</u>)
- 6. What notice did Pilate have fastened to Jesus' cross? (19:19)
- 7. \*How did the chief priests want Pilate to change the sign over Jesus' head? (19:21)
- 8. What did Pilate tell the chief priests? (19:22)
- 9. \*What happened to Jesus' clothes? (<u>19:23-24</u>)
- 10. Why were Jesus' clothes divided among the soldiers? (19:24)
- 11. Who stood near the cross of Jesus? (19:25)
- 12. What did Jesus say to His mother and the disciple with her? (19:26-27)

- 13. Why do you think Pilate had the notice placed on the cross?
- 14. \*If you had been a member of Jesus' family or one of His disciples, how do you think you would have reacted to His crucifixion?
- 15. How was Jesus humiliated?
- 16. What sort of humiliation did Jesus suffer?
- 17. \*What humiliation have you suffered for being a Christian?
- 18. How can we sacrifice our wants and desires so that others might benefit?
- 19. In what way has God's family become your family?
- 20. To what degree are we responsible for caring for the needs of other believers?

- 21. \*What want or desire can you sacrifice so that someone else might benefit? How?
- 22. How can you care for another Christian's needs this week?

# The Death of Jesus - John 19:28-37

Topics: <u>Atonement, Beliefs, Believe, Bible, Body, Death,</u> <u>Faith, Jesus Christ, Prophecy, Sacrifice</u>

### **Open It**

- 1. What is one important event you have witnessed?
- 2. What is your idea of "expensive"?
- 3. \*What is one project of yours that is still unfinished?

- 4. \*What did Jesus know during His last moments on the cross? (19:28)
- 5. What did Jesus ask for during His last minutes of life? (19:28)
- 6. What was Jesus given to drink? (<u>19:29</u>)
- 7. \*What did Jesus do once He had received the drink? (<u>19:30</u>)
- 8. Why didn't the Jews want the bodies of those crucified left on the cross? (19:31)
- 9. What did the soldiers do to the men who had been crucified with Jesus? (19:32)
- 10. What did the soldiers discover when they came to Jesus? (19:33)
- 11. What did the soldiers do to Jesus? (19:34)
- 12. Why did John record the details of Jesus' death? (19:35)
- 13. \*What was fulfilled by the circumstances of Jesus' death? (19:36-37)

- 14. How important are the historical eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to your faith in Him?
- 15. \*What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished"?
- 16. How does this account of Jesus' crucifixion make you feel?
- 17. What does Jesus' death mean to us?
- 18. \*What is significant about Jesus' death on the cross?
- 19. What price did Jesus pay for our sins?
- 20. How was Jesus able to endure the suffering of the Cross?
- 21. What significance does the fulfillment of Scripture in the Gospels have for your belief in Jesus today?
- 22. Whose testimony persuaded you to believe in Jesus?
- 23. How has your testimony influenced others to believe in Jesus?

- 24. \*How can you thank Jesus today for His sacrifice on the cross?
- 25. How can you use the testimony of Christ's crucifixion in telling others about Christ?

# The Burial of Jesus - John 19:38-42

Topics: <u>Believe</u>, <u>Christianity</u>, <u>Courage</u>, <u>Death</u>, <u>Faith</u>, <u>Fear</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Loyalty</u>, <u>Peer Pressure</u>, <u>Sorrow</u>, <u>Traditions</u>

### **Open It**

- 1. What is one misdeed or truth that you kept secret when you were growing up?
- 2. \*What is one fact about you that most of your friends don't know?
- 3. In what way do some Christians try to keep their faith hidden or secret? Why?

- 4. How did Joseph ask Pilate for Jesus' body? (19:38)
- 5. Who went to get Jesus' body? (<u>19:38</u>)
- 6. \*Why did Joseph go to see Pilate? (<u>19:38</u>)
- 7. \*Why was Joseph a secret disciple? (<u>19:38</u>)
- 8. \*What was significant about the person who went with Joseph to take away Jesus' body? (19:39)
- 9. How did Joseph and Nicodemus prepare Jesus' body for burial? (19:40)
- 10. Where was the tomb in which Jesus was buried? (19:41)
- 11. In what kind of tomb was Jesus buried? (19:41)
- 12. Why did Joseph and Nicodemus put Jesus in the particular tomb they chose? (19:42)
- 13. What holiday affected the preparations for Jesus' burial? How? (19:42)
- 14. How did the "Day of Preparation" affect the way in which Jesus was buried? (19:42)

- 15. \*When and why have you been a secret disciple of Jesus?
- 16. When have you recently revealed your faith in Christ either by your words or actions?
- 17. \*When have you taken a stand that you were previously afraid to take?
- 18. When have you been willing to go out of your way to serve Jesus?
- 19. When are you most tempted to do only what is convenient?

- 20. \*To whom do you want to reveal openly that you are a disciple of Jesus?
- 21. How can you serve Christ this week regardless of the inconvenience you expect it to involve?