

## John 18:31-40 & 19:1-3

**31-32.** Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "**It is not lawful for us to put anyone to DEATH,**" that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, **signifying by what death He would die.**

- **John 12:32-34** "And I, if I am \_\_\_\_\_ from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself. This He said, \_\_\_\_\_ by what \_\_\_\_\_ He would \_\_\_\_\_. The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be \_\_\_\_\_ up?' Who is the Son of man?"

**Definition: "It is not LAWFUL for US to PUT anyone to DEATH"** - Since the nation of Israel was under Roman rule (the Romans were occupying the country), the high priest and Jewish religious leaders could not sentence someone to death. They had to bring Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, in order to have Him put to death.

**Definition: "Signifying by what DEATH He would DIE"** - Under Old Testament law, the Jews would have normally stoned someone to death for any crime. Not only did Jesus prophesy of His own crucifixion, but it was prophesied in the Old Testament, 1,000 years before Christ, in Psalm 22. David, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, describes Jesus' crucifixion, including **the piercing of His hands and His feet**, at a time when crucifixion hadn't even been invented yet.

- **Psalm 22:1, 7-8 & 14-18** "My God, My God, why have You \_\_\_\_\_ Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My \_\_\_\_\_?" "All those who see Me laugh Me to scorn; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 'He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him since He delights in Him!'" "I am poured out like water, and all My \_\_\_\_\_ are out of \_\_\_\_\_; My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of \_\_\_\_\_. For dogs have surrounded Me; the assembly of the wicked has enclosed Me. They \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ and My \_\_\_\_\_; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ lots (throw dice)."
- **John 8:28-29** "Then Jesus said to them, "When you \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My \_\_\_\_\_ taught Me, I speak these things."
- **John 3:14-15** "And as Moses \_\_\_\_\_ up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ up, that whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

**Definition: "When you LIFT UP the Son of Man"** - Jesus is referring to His being nailed to the cross and "**lifted up**" from the earth as He would hang there on the cross during His crucifixion. The Jews knew He was speaking of crucifixion, because in John 12:32-34 they ask the question of how can the Messiah (Christ) both "remain forever" and be killed by crucifixion? The earliest prophecy concerning the type of death the Messiah would die is in Psalm 22, where a crucifixion is described hundreds of years before crucifixion was invented.

**33-36.** Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "**Are You the King of the Jews?**" Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself on this, or did others tell you this about Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "**My KINGDOM is not**

**of this world.** If My KINGDOM were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now **My kingdom is not from here.**"

- **Luke 17:20-21** "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ would come, He answered them and said, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ does not come with observation; nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ you.'"
- **II Peter 1:11** "For so an \_\_\_\_\_ will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord and Savior \_\_\_\_\_ Christ."
- **I Thessalonians 2:12** "That you would have a walk (lifestyle) worthy of \_\_\_\_\_ who calls you into His own \_\_\_\_\_ and glory."
- **Matthew 10:6-7** "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is at hand.'"

**Definition: "My KINGDOM is NOT of THIS WORLD"** - The terms "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God" are used interchangeably in the Bible. Jesus preached that **the kingdom of God was "at hand" or "near"**. It could not be fully in effect during the Old Testament time of the Law, because it would be ushered in by **the death of Jesus on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead**. Just as the veil of the temple was torn in two to symbolize that the way was now open to God, so also the kingdom of God was actually brought to mankind by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. **The Day of Pentecost**, when the Holy Spirit came to indwell all believers, **was the official FIRST DAY of the KINGDOM of God on EARTH**. However, there are **different "stages"** or dispensations of the Kingdom of God on earth: (1.) now, it is an unseen kingdom **within the hearts** of the Believers in Jesus Christ, because of the Holy Spirit who lives in each Believer; (2.) at the Second Coming of Jesus, it will be a literal kingdom on earth **ruled by Jesus Himself** for a thousand years (Rev. 20:6); and (3.) then throughout all eternity, we will live with God in His heavenly kingdom which will come down to the new earth (Revelation 21:1-27).

- **Luke 16:16** "The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ were until John (the Baptist). Since that time the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it."

**Definition: "The KINGDOM of GOD has been PREACHED"** - We think of the Bible telling us to **preach the Gospel** or "good news" of Jesus Christ, but actually, the "gospel of the grace of God" and the **"preaching of the kingdom of God"** are the same, according to Acts 20:21-25. The good news is that all that is required for salvation and to enter the Kingdom of God is "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

- **Acts 20:21 & 24-25** "Testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, \_\_\_\_\_ toward God and \_\_\_\_\_ toward our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Christ." "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, to testify to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, will see my face no more."

**37.** Pilate therefore said to Him, **"Are You a KING then?"** Jesus answered, **"You say rightly that I am a KING.** For this cause **I was BORN**, and for this cause **I have come into the world**, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

- **Revelation 17:14** "These will make war with the Lamb (Jesus), and the \_\_\_\_\_ will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."
- **Revelation 19:13-16** "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His \_\_\_\_\_ is called The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. And the armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will \_\_\_\_\_ them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His \_\_\_\_\_ and on His thigh a name written: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "I am a KING - for this CAUSE I was BORN"** - Jesus was truly the King of the Jews, and even the Wise Men from the East recognized His kingship and His divinity when they came to offer gifts and WORSHIP to the baby Jesus. However, **Jesus FIRST came to be our Savior**, and pay the penalty for our sins. Later, **at His Second Coming**, He will appear as **the conquering KING** on a white horse, leading His armies from heaven, and crushing all the enemies of God.

- **Matthew 2:1-2 & 5-6** "Now after \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, \_\_\_\_\_ men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_? For we have seen His \_\_\_\_\_ in the East, and have come to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.'" "So they said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the \_\_\_\_\_: "But you, \_\_\_\_\_, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a \_\_\_\_\_ who will shepherd My people \_\_\_\_\_."

**38-40.** Pilate said to Him, "**What is TRUTH?**" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

- **Luke 23:16-19** "'I will therefore chastise (punish) Him and release Him.' (for it was necessary for him to \_\_\_\_\_ one of them at the \_\_\_\_\_). And they all cried out at once, saying, 'Away with this Man, and \_\_\_\_\_ to us \_\_\_\_\_' - who had been thrown into \_\_\_\_\_ for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "What is TRUTH?"** - Pilate is asking a question, but he doesn't really want the answer. Like many people today, "truth" is a relative thing to them, and is only good so far as is convenient to them. Pilate, as well as these people today who believe everything is relative, don't have "a clue" as to what truth really is. **God's word is truth**, and the Holy Spirit is the One who guides us into the truth, but if a person REJECTS God's word, there is no other "truth" for him to find.

- **John 17:17-19** "Sanctify them by Your \_\_\_\_\_. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **John 16:12-13** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, has come, He will \_\_\_\_\_ you into all \_\_\_\_\_; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

- **John 15:26** "But when the \_\_\_\_\_ comes, whom I shall \_\_\_\_\_ to you from the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who proceeds from the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ of Me."

**19:1.** So then Pilate **took Jesus and scourged Him.**

- **Matthew 27:26** "Then he released \_\_\_\_\_ to them; and when he had \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, he delivered Him to be \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "Took JESUS and SCOURGED Him"** - Scourging was much more than just a "whipping." It was commonly referred to as the "half-way death," and many died just from the scourging. It was administered by a professional executioner known as a "lictor." His weapon was a flagellum, an instrument made of a short wooden handle to which were attached long strips of leather with bits of sharp bone and metal sewn to the tips. The victim was stripped of all his clothing and bent over a low stone column, where he was tied with his face toward the floor. The normal sentence was 40 "stripes", minus one for humanitarian purposes. I believe Jesus took all forty of them.

- **Isaiah 53:5** "But He was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions, He was \_\_\_\_\_ for our iniquities; the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ was upon Him, and by His \_\_\_\_\_ we are healed."

**2-3.** And **the SOLDIERS twisted a crown of THORNS** and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**" And they struck Him with their hands.

- **Matthew 27:29** "When they had \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, they put it on His \_\_\_\_\_, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and \_\_\_\_\_ him saying, ' \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews!'"

**Definition: "MOCK"** - To insult, ridicule, speak sarcastically and with contempt, to MAKE FUN of someone or something.

**Definition: "Hail, King of the Jews!"** - In the praetorium, Jesus stood before the soldiers naked; His body was a mass of swollen, bruised, and bloodied flesh. As the whole Roman cohort surrounded Him, they decided that if He was a king, then He should have a scepter, robe, and a crown. His "scepter" was a reed taken from a local plant, and they gave Him a robe that was purple, the color of royalty. His crown was made of thorns measuring from 3/4 inch to 3 1/2 inches in length, and they did not place it gently on His head, but jammed it down cruelly into His flesh. **They sarcastically hailed Him "king of the Jews,"** spitting on Him and beating Him about the head with a reed. In all this, He never reviled in return.

- **Luke 23:11** "Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous \_\_\_\_\_, and sent Him back to Pilate."