

# John 19: 16-22, 25-27

## The Crucifixion of Jesus

**This is one of the saddest chapters in the Bible! Jesus, who was completely without sin, was charged by the Jews of blasphemy because he claimed to be God (a claim soon to be proved true by his own resurrection!). In order to invoke the death penalty, the Jewish leaders had to submit to Roman authority for conviction. The Jews, looking for a conviction and not a fair trial, obviously had no charges that would stand up in a Roman court of law. So they went to Pilate, who had shown tolerance of Jewish ways. Pilate found no guilt in Jesus and tried in every way to release him, but the Jews insisted, shouting “Take him away! Crucify him!” Pilate finally gave in washing his hands of the matter, and released Jesus to those who wanted him crucified.**

**“Finally Pilate [the Roman governor] handed him over to them [the Jews] to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.**

**Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but**

that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” ”

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**Ironically, what Pilate wrote and posted in satire (to the chagrin of the Jews who crucified him!) was absolutely correct! Jesus LOVES the Jews! Jesus was and is the King of the Jews, as well as Lord and King of all who have believed in him!**

**“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved [this was John, the author of this book, who was too modest to include his own name!] standing nearby, he said to her, “**Woman, here is your son,**” and to the disciple, “**Here is your mother.**” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”**

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**At the foot of the cross, Jesus saw his mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, and John. The rest of the disciples and followers had fled in fear. In his last thoughts, Jesus was concerned about others, establishing a special bond between his mother**

**and John. Most importantly, in this terrible moment of grief, Mary and John were NOT alone!! This grief at the death of Jesus changed to unspeakable joy two days later when Christ arose from the dead! Hallelujah! He has risen! He has risen indeed!!**

**In the week before Easter, 2019, we found a small flyer left at our door inviting us to a celebration coming up on Easter weekend. At first, I thought perhaps it was a local church, inviting us to visit their services, or some activity for children. After reading the flyer, I noticed that we were being invited to a celebration on Friday of the “Death of Jesus.” That was all! There was no mention of the Resurrection that followed on Sunday morning! After closer inspection, it was NOT a local church, but a well-known group that does NOT share the basic doctrines of the Christian church. What a TERRIBLE thing, to suffer through the death of Jesus, and NOT share the most important event in human history—the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ! Please see the page on this website, [Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus!](#)**

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