



Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"The Murder of Jesus"

"Guilty Ignorance"

Luke 23:34-38

September 15, 2024

Passion Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-10).	10 Jesus cleanses the Temple (John 12:13-16). Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-11; John 12:12-15). Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many (John 12:16-19). Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening	11 Jesus curses the fig tree (John 12:13-16). Jesus cleanses the Temple (John 12:13-16). Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-11; John 12:12-15). Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many (John 12:16-19). Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening	12 Withered fig tree is seen again (Mark 11). Jesus teaches at the Temple grounds. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-11; John 12:12-15). Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many (John 12:16-19). Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening	13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate on Friday. Jesus & disciples eat Last Supper (John 13:1-3). Jesus High Priestly Prayer (John 17:1-26). Jesus and disciples go to Mount of Olives (Garden of Gethsemane) (John 18:1-11). Jesus is crucified (John 19:1-4). Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. (Day 1.)	14 Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jews then 3 Roman) The Passover day Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate on Friday. Jesus is crucified (John 19:1-4). Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. (Day 1.)	15 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread continues for 7 days The Passover day Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate on Friday. Jesus is crucified (John 19:1-4). Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. (Day 1.)	16 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected over the next 40 days to over 500 people Resurrection and appearances (John 20:1-18). Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening

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• Jesus' statement here has caused confusion for some.

• **3 things it does not mean?**

1. This is not a prayer for the unconditional forgiveness for all those who are at the crucifixion.
2. This is not an act of "cheap grace."
3. This is not saying that ignorance of sin is automatically forgiven by God.

• **3 things it means:**

1. Ignorance here has come from unbelief, rejection of the Truth.
2. Forgiveness only comes when one repents and believes. Jesus prayer declares guilt and offers forgiveness at the same time.
3. We may be ignorant of our sin, but are nevertheless guilty of the Truth we have rejected, Our condition is one of "guilty ignorance."

"We must not infer from His prayer that ignorance is a basis for forgiveness, or that those who sinned against Jesus were automatically forgiven because He prayed. Certainly both the Jews and the Romans were ignorant of the enormity of their sin, but that could not absolve them....Our Lord's intercession postponed God's judgment on the nation for almost forty years, giving them additional opportunities to be saved."

- Warren Wiersbe

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Ps 22:18

18 They divide my garments among them,
And for my clothing they cast lots.

- A Jewish man would normally wear five pieces of clothing: sandals, an inner cloak, a headpiece, a belt, and an outer cloak, or tunic.

Rom 5:20

20 but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

Acts 7:59-60

59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 17:30

30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

"These rough Roman soldiers casting lots over the garments of Christ give a picture of comedy at the foot of the Cross, the tragedy of the ages."

A.T. Robertson

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"Men were ordinarily crucified naked. Jewish sensitivities, however, dictated that men ought not to be publicly executed completely naked, and men condemned to stoning were permitted a loin-cloth (M. Sanhedrin VI. 3). Whether the Romans were considerate of Jewish feelings in this matter is unknown."

- William Lane

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"looking on" – θεορῶ – to consider, to seek to understand, discern.

- How could the people watch this gruesome sight? They were curious.
- Not uncommon in that culture. Becoming that way today.
- Rome was glad to have people watch. 30,000 crucifixions by Rome. Served as a warning to the people. Crucifixions were done along roads, on hills, etc.
- Rulers make fun of the whole thing.

Matt 27:41-42

41. In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,

42. "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him."

- Ironically, Jesus is the "Chosen One."

Isa 42:1

1. "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold;

My chosen one in whom My soul delights.

I have put My Spirit upon Him;

He will bring forth justice to the nations.

Luke 9:35

5 Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,

- This whole thing has been a mockery:

- crown on his head
- serve him phony royal cheap wine
- reed (scepter) in his hand
- royal robe
- attendants on both sides

Matt 2:10-11

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they **presented** to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

- "If" or "since" and it is true. 1st class conditional "if."
- They got the message loud and clear. No doubt what Jesus claimed.
- Totally missed the meaning.
- Jesus died to save us, instead of saving Himself.

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Mt 27:37 And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Mk 15:26 The inscription of the charge against Him read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS."

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John 19:19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Taking all four accounts, the complete title would have been

"This is Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews"

John 19:20-22

20 Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for 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'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

"The fact that this title was written in Hebrew (Aramaic), Greek, and Latin is significant. For one thing, it shows that our Lord was crucified in a place where many peoples and nations met, a cosmopolitan place. Hebrew is the language of religion, Greek of philosophy, and Latin of law; and all three combined to crucify the Son of God. But what He did on the cross, He did for the whole world! In this Gospel, John emphasizes the worldwide dimensions of the work of Christ. Without realizing it, Pilate wrote a "Gospel tract" when he prepared this title; for one of the thieves discovered that Jesus was King, and he asked entrance into His kingdom."

- Warren Wiersbe

Application

1. Forgiveness is for the guilty. All are guilty. Ignorance is no excuse.
2. Forgiveness is only granted to those whose blindness is removed and their ignorance caused by unbelief must be turned to belief.
3. Aren't you thankful Jesus resisted saving His own life so He could save yours?

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns

All music but its own!

- Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thro' all eternity.