

Christ Crucified
John 19:16b-27
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Evil. Is there a reason for it? Is God in control? Is He good?

What two things does John emphasize in his gospel?

What was crucifixion?

Why does John not emphasize the physical pain?

What was God doing when He put His Son on the cross?

Why was the Son of God willing to endure that suffering?

How do we know the suffering of Jesus was God's plan?

What hints of His plan did He weave into the story?

“He went out...”

“Bearing His own cross ...”

To Golgotha - the Place of a Skull.

He was numbered with the transgressors.

“Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

Were Caiaphas and Pilate prophets, in a sense?

“they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”

Why was Jesus willing to suffer?

Jesus is almost passive in the face of great suffering. Why?

What does Jesus say from the cross?

Jesus fulfilled all righteousness, obeying the law to the end.

God is writing a great story; this is the most compelling chapter.

God is good; God is in control.

Through faith, you are the disciple whom Jesus loved!

Meditation

If we were limited to one word that could be used to tell who God is, that word would be *Cross*. Every attribute of God is on full display in the cross. We see His *holiness* and *justice*; God hates sin and must punish it! We see His *wisdom* in finding a way to be both Just and Justifier of the ungodly. We see His *omnipresence* in being in heaven and pouring His wrath upon His Son, while being on earth enduring His own wrath in the person of His Son. We see His *sovereignty* in saving the one thief and passing the other by. We see His *power* in being able to put away sin. We see His *eternal purpose* unfold in “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” And how the attributes of *love*, *grace*, and *mercy* shine forth from the cross! Is it any wonder Paul said, “I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified,” and “God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” There really is nothing else to preach or glory in! If we think there is, it is evident that we have never seen the real meaning of the cross.

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