***The Gospel of John: So that you may believe***

**The Condemnation and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ**

**John 19**

**From Not Guilty to Condemned**

***Pilate has Jesus Flogged***

 John 19:1-5

***Pilate’s Learn’s Jesus claims to be the Son of God***

 John 19:6-11

 ***Politics Becomes the Determining Factor***

 John 19:12-16

**The Crucifixion of Jesus**

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 John 19:17-25

 ***Jesus Very Last Word***

 John 19:26-30

 *“It is Finished”* (*tetelestai*)

**The Burial of Jesus Body**

 John 19:31-42

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**Digging Deeper into John 19**

Let’s remember last week that Jesus had set his mind to go to the cross and was in some way even controlling the events that led up to his death (e.g., all the soldiers falling down).

***Read John 19:1-11***

1. in chapter 18 we saw in verse 38 that Pilate found no fault in Jesus. Twice more in chapter 19 (vs:4 & 7) Pilate declared Jesus innocent of deserving death. But the religious leaders were adamant on seeing him put to death.

* *Discuss how Matthew 27:22-26 informs John 19:6. Also, read Acts 5:28 and the surrounding context for some added twist to this story.*
* *Pilate became “even more afraid” when he heard that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. What do you suppose Pilate was thinking at that moment? How does Matthew 27:19 inform Pilate’s psyche?*

***Read John 19:12-16***

2. Pilate quickly shifts from being determined to release Jesus to delivering him over to be crucified. It seems that the tipping point was the Jewish leaders proclaiming that Pilate was not *“a friend of Caesar”* if he released Jesus.

* *What do you think of the story of Sejanus and Pilate’s fear of being branded a traitor if he released “king” Jesus?*
* *In 19:15, These same religious leaders proclaim “We have no king but Caesar.” How much do we read into these words regarding their devotion to Yahweh as King? How would you describe your commitment to our national rulers compared to your devotion to Jesus? Can we be over committed to earthly rulers?*

**Read John 19:17-37**

3. After Jesus was crucified, the Four Gospels record seven things Jesus said on the cross; John records three of them in verses 26-30. The most significant of these is the last “It is finished.” Jesus had completed His Father’s work (see John 4:34 and 17:4). Tony took it further and discussed how Jesus work on the cross saved us from the penalty of our sin and the wrath of God.

* *Read and discuss Romans 5:6-11 and if want to dive deeper, discuss Romans 3:21-26.*

4. Close the study with everyone quickly sharing what aspect of the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus impacted them the most.