

The Final Sacrifice

Text : **John 19: 1-23**

S#1.

S#2.

A. What's the worst thing you ever did ?

1. You have done evil things and we all know it.

Rom. 3: 10, 23 – As it is written, There is none righteous, not even one. ...
23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

S#3.

2. There is only one person in the history of the world that has not sinned and you're not that person.

Heb. 6: 14-16 – A great High Priest ... Jesus the Son of God ...
 who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

3. When man sins, he must pay the penalty for violation of God's law.

a. We understand that there is a penalty if we violate man's law. (*fine, jail, death*)

b. **Rom. 6: 23** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God
 is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

S#4.

c. **Ezek. 18: 4** – Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as
 the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

B. In order for God to be God He must be infinite in justice.

S#5.

1. It is unjust to those who obey the law for God not to punish violators.

2. In order to be just, God must punish all sin or no sin.

a. **Nah. 1: 3** – The Lord is slow to anger and great in power,
 And the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished.

b. The wicked think they have escaped, but day of punishment will come.

II Pet. 2: 9 – The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and
 to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

3. The scriptures are replete with God punishing those who violate His law.

a. The first family

b. The universal flood

c. Sodom and Gomorrah

d. The Canaanites

e. Israel and many more

C. Though God must punish the violators, He takes no pleasure in doing so.

S#6.

1. **Ezek. 33: 11** – Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord God, 'I take no
pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the
 wicked turn from his way and live.

2. **Luke 19: 41**– When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it,

I. Before God created man, He made a plan to reunite man to Himself.

S#7.

A. God created man and placed him in the garden, to be with Him.

S#8.

1. Step by step God saw that everything He created was good.
2. Because all was pure and holy, God could have direct fellowship with man.
Gen. 3: 8 – They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
3. When man was no longer holy, the holy God could no longer have direct fellowship.

S#9.

B. Remember : Man cannot comprehend that God lives outside the sphere of time.

1. God gives us glimpses into His timeless realm, but we do not fully comprehend it.
2. The scripture explains that God sees no difference in the passing of our time.

- a. **II Pet. 3:8** – But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

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- b. This does not mean we can calculate God time by dividing by 1000.

3. We are told that God sees ALL time as now.

- a. **Isa. 46: 10** – Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things which have not been done,

- b. We can see only this moment, but neither past nor future.

Prov. 27: 1 – Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

C. Jesus was the plan that God made before the foundation of the world.

S#11.

1. Before time was Jesus was.

John 1: 1-2 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

2. **I Pet 1: 19** – For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

S#12.

D. Jesus came with full knowledge that He would be crucified.

1. Jesus understood exactly why He was going to die on the cross.

Mark 10: 45 – For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

2. When Jesus was asked to work His first miracle, He referred to His time / schedule.

John 2: 3-4 – When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They **S#13.**

have no wine." **4** And Jesus said to her, " Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come."

3. When the brothers of Jesus asked Him to accompany them to Jerusalem.

John 7: 8 – Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come.

II. Jesus knew the plan and the schedule as He completed His ministry.

S#14.

- A. Jesus knew what was awaiting Him when He went to Jerusalem.

Matt. 20: 17-19 – He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the **S#15.** way He said to them, **18** "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, **19** and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

- B. Knowing He was about to be crucified Jesus prayed for strength.

S#16.

Luke 22: 41-43 – And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, **42** saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." **43** Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. **44** And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

- C. When they came to arrest Jesus, He did not resist or allow others to do so. **S#17.**

Matt 26: 50 – Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. **51** And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. **52** Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. **53** "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? **54** "How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?"

- D. Jesus made it abundantly clear that He was not being killed against His will.

John 10: 17-18 – For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My **S#18.** life so that I may take it again. **18** " No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

III. The trial of Jesus before the Jews was illegal.

S#19.

- A. Jesus was arrested at night and taken to the former high priest.

1. It is illegal for a Jewish trial to be held at night. Must be able to call witnesses.

2. **John 18: 12-14** – So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, **13** and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. **14** Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people. **S#20.**

- B. Knowing Him to be innocent, they hired false witnesses against Jesus. **S#21.**
Matt.26: 59 – Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death.

- C. Not believing the testimony of Jesus they convicted Him of blasphemy.
Matt. 26: 63-64 – But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I **S#22.**
 adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." **64** Jesus said to him, " *You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.*" **65** Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; **66** what do you think?" They answered, " He deserves death!" **67** Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, **68** and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

- D. The remainder of the night they abused Jesus before turning Him over to Rome.
Matt. 27: 1-2 – Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death; **2** and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor.

IV. Jesus was treated cruelly by the Romans. **S#23.**

- A. As Jesus foretold, He was left alone before the gentiles to be crucified. **S#24.**
John 18: 28 – Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

- B. Pilot was aware that Jesus was innocent, but was afraid of the Jews. **S#25.**

1. He was warned by His wife not to execute Jesus. (*Nightmare*)
2. He tried to trade Barabbas, an infamous bandit, for Jesus.
3. After scourging Jesus, Pilot presented him to the Jews as an innocent man.

John 19:4 – Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." **S#26.**

4. **John 19: 6** – So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!"

5. Pilot took Jesus back in and questioned him some more.
6. Pilot was convinced that Jesus was an innocent man and wanted to release Him.
 - a. **John 19: 12** – but the Jews cried out saying, " If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar." S#27.
 - b. Notice the Jews changed the charge from blasphemy to treason.
7. The religious leaders of the Jews rejected God in front of their gentile ruler.

John 19: 15 – And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" **15** So they cried out, " Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." S#28.

C. As Jesus was condemned to be crucified Pilot and the Jews knew Him innocent

1. **Matt. 27: 25** – When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." **25** And all the people said, " His blood shall be on us and on our children!" (*It was brought on them in 70 AD.*) S#29.
2. **Matt. 27: 18** – For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over.
3. *Indeed Jesus was the most innocent man in the history of the world.* S#30.

Heb. 4: 14-15 – Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

D. The Roman soldiers treated Jesus with reproach, disdain and malice. S#31.

1. They put a crown of thorns on His head and an old purple robe.
2. They dressed him up as a mock king, bowed down b4 Him; then slapped Him.
3. They put a stick in His hand as a scepter; then beat His head with it.
4. They punched Him and spat upon Him as disrespectfully as possible.
5. The Romans hated the Jews and the soldiers took it out on the passive Jesus.

S#32.

V. Jesus suffered the most cruel death the Romans could imagine, crucifixion.

A. Crucifixion was so bad it was against the law to crucify a Roman citizen.

B. The one being crucified was required to carry his own cross. S#33.

1. The vertical piece was permanently planted so only the horizontal was carried

2. Arriving at the crucifixion site the victim was stripped naked.
3. His hands were either tied or nailed to the horizontal bar then he was hoisted up.
4. His feet were placed on a small foot rest and affixed to the cross.
5. The footrest was to extend the suffering on the cross. It enabled breathing.

C. While on the cross, Jesus suffered as a man.

S#34.

1. His body had no miraculous qualities, **it felt the pain.**
2. Jesus felt the shame and the embarrassment.
 - a. Crucifixions were done beside the road to act as a deterrent.
 - b. It was the time of the Passover so there was a lot of traffic.
3. Jesus was concerned for his mother even while He was suffering.
4. Thirst was natural; He demonstrated His humanity in asking for a drink.

D. Jesus decided when He would die.

S#35.

1. Remember the previous teaching of Jesus :

John 10: 18 – No one has taken it away from Me,
but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down,
 and I have authority to take it up again.
3. When Jesus had completed all that was required of Him He left His body.
 - a. **John 19: 30** – Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine. He said, **S#36.**
"It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.
 - b. "It is finished!" is an accounting term meaning "Paid in full." **Debt of our sin.**

CONCLUSION :

A. The wages of sin is death. ... **Rom. 6: 23** ... Jesus is offering to pay your debt. **S#37.**

B. Jesus had no sin debt, but He died to pay your debt. **S#38.**

Will you accept His offer ?

INVITATION :

S#39. ... Communion slide

Lesson Text :**John 19: 1-23**

19:1 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. **2** And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; **3** and they began to come up to Him and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him slaps in the face. **4** Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." **5** Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!" **6** So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." **7** The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."

8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; **9** and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. **10** So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" **11** Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." **12** As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."

13 Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. **14** Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" **15** So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. **18** There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. **19** Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." **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."

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. **24** So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "*They divided my outer garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.*" **25** Therefore the soldiers did these things.