

LIFE IN HIM

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Today's Scriptures will remind us of how Jesus dying on the cross for our sins can change our lives today.

John 19:1-42, ¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face. ⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said..., "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him" ... ⁶ As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." ⁷ The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free...¹³ Pilate...brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat...¹⁴ "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. ¹⁵ But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. ¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, the king of the Jews... ²¹ 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." ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." ²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining... ²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment" ... ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty" ... ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit... ³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus... ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus...⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices... ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² ...they laid Jesus there.

WHAT DOES JESUS DYING ON THE CROSS MEAN TO BELIEVERS TODAY?

#1 Jesus loves us & is committed to rescue us

Hebrews 12:2, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#2 We must stop loving worldly things

Galatians 6:14, May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

#3 Our debt from sin has been paid

Colossians 2:14, He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

#4 We won't experience God's wrath towards sin

1 Peter 2:24, He...bore our sins in his body on the cross... Isaiah 53:4, Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

#5 Sin no longer rules over us & we're free!

Romans 6:6, *We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin...*

#6 Jesus lives in us and through us

Galatians 2:20, *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me...*

#7 We're expected to take up a lesser cross

Matthew 10:38, *Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*

#8 We should be humble & serve others

Philippians 2:3; 8, *...3 in humility value others above yourselves...8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

#9 Nothing is more important than Jesus

1 Corinthians 2:2, *For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

#10 Nothing, unless we are saved by it

1 Corinthians 1:18, *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

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