

John 19:17-22
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

INTRO: Unspeakable Pain, suffering, and agony. Think back on the most painful day of your life.

No one has ever suffered more than God's Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

John's Gospel highlights 3 overarching themes when describing the brutal crucifixion of Jesus:

I) Historic _____.

II) Radical _____.

III) Absolute _____.

Christians should respond to the historical suffering of Jesus, Son of God as follows:

We should respond **1) With Humble** _____
and with Grateful _____.

We should respond **2) With a Heightened** _____
and a Holy Hatred of the _____ **of sin.**

We should respond **3) With Utter** _____
and with Profound _____.

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers!*

What is the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted? What do you want to study further because of today's message?

Listen to the lyrics in the following hymns/praise songs: "The Power of the Cross." Fernando Ortega's "Ah, Holy, Jesus, How Have You?" "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted." Jubilant Sykes, "Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)?" Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, "The King In All His Beauty." Sovereign Grace Music, "See How He Loves Us."

How does John 18-19 help believers enter the "Thanksgiving" season in a way that pleases the LORD?

Think back on the most painful day of your life. Think about the torture Hamas joyfully inflicted on innocent Jewish women and children/babies just last week. Now humbly consider this; "No One was called by God to greater suffering than God's Only Begotten Son." Explain.

Why did the eternal, Son of God come down to earth? Why did the Word of God take on flesh? (Matt. 3:15; Mark 10:45; John 1:14; Eph. 1:3-14; Heb. 2:17; John 19:30). Make it a point to help unbelievers this coming Christmas season understand the true meaning of Good/Friday and Christmas.

How should unbelievers respond to the radical, historic, vicarious, substitutionary suffering of Jesus? Think back on the Spurgeon quote from the end of the sermon.

Review the 3 application responses highlighted at the end of today's message. What are one or two ways you can specifically apply each of these three responses to your life this week/month/year?

How does the death of Christ help us respond to our own trials and tribulations in a God-pleasing manner?

Review your 10/8/23 sermon notes. What would it take for you to consider disowning Jesus as God and King? Where are you most vulnerable to temptation? What are the sins that most "easily entangle you" or pose the greatest threat/temptation? (1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 10:12-13)

Review your 10/1/23 sermon notes. When was the last time you found yourself between a rock and a hard place? When doing/saying what you knew was right (by God's standard), would lead to personal loss and/or suffering? How does James 4:17 and 2 Timothy 3:12 relate to the sermon text and to our own "real-world conundrums?" What is the relationship between faith and faithfulness? Do we truly believe what we say we believe? Are we seeking to live out the truths we declare in song?

10/1/23 Review of John 18:38-19:7 sermon

- I. Pilate's Impartial Verdict *(John 18:38; 19:4; 19:6).*
- II. Pilate's "Everybody Wins" Proposal. *(John 18:39-40).*
- III. Pilate's (Brutal) Appeasement Beat Down *(John 19:1-7).*

A Five Fold Chain-Reaction (John 19:8-16) 10/8/23 exposition.

- 1a) Pilate's Spiritual Crisis (Question) *(John 19:8-9a)*
- 1b) Jesus' Silent Judgment. *(John 19:9)*
- 2a) Pilate's "Don't You Know Who I Am!" Boast. *(John 19:10)*
- 2b) Jesus Sets Proud Pilate in His Place! *(John 19:11; Acts 4:27-28; Proverbs 19:21)*
- 3a) Pilate's Conflicted Conscience Ploy. *(John 19:12-13, Prov. 29:25)*
- 3b) The Sinister Sanhedrin Play their Diabolical Trump Card *(John 19:12-13; Prov. 29:25)*
- 4a) Pilate's Capitulating Taunts. *(John 19:14b-15a, note "the Bad Boys of Scripture" messages)*
- 4b) The Jew's Ultimate Blasphemy. *(John 19:14-15b; 1 Samuel 8:7; Ps. 47:7; 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7)*
- 5a) Pilate's Fatal Concession. *(John 19:16; Luke 23:24-25; Isaiah 53)*
- 5b) The Unbelievers' Bloodlust is Finally Satisfied! *(John 19:17f)*

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