





- S** • **SCRIPTURE**
As you read, write out the verses that stick out to you most.
- O** • **OBSERVATION**
What is the overall truth can you learn? Are there warnings, principles, or commands?
- A** • **APPLICATION**
How does this verse apply to your life? How can you live differently in light of this truth?
- P** • **PRAYER**
Turn these thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to meditate on and apply this scripture to your life.

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GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

Chapter 19

Verse: John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished”, and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Personal Reflection:

1. How do the fulfilled prophecies in the crucifixion assure you that God through Jesus planned out what would make your salvation possible?
2. The soldiers divided up Jesus’ clothes. What did you leave behind when you became a new person in Christ?

Group Discussion:

1. In verse 11 Jesus said, “He who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” What did he mean?
2. Why did the Jews think, “This man said, I am King of the Jews” was better than what Pilate wrote?
3. What parallels do you see in the death of Jesus and the Passover lamb before the Israelites left Egypt?
4. The last words John records of Jesus are, “It is finished.” What parallels do you see between the completed work of Jesus and God’s rest at the end of creation?

Family Devotions:

1. Did Pilate find Jesus guilty of anything? Why did he crucify him?
2. The sign on the cross was to explain the crime a person had committed. What did Jesus’ sign have written on it.
3. What was the Passover celebrating? How is Jesus like the Passover lamb?
4. Where was Jesus buried?

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John Chapter 20 1-18

Verse: John 20:17 Jesus said to her, “ Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father: but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

Personal Reflection:

1. When have you experienced the presence of Jesus in a time of deep sorrow, dissapare, or difficult circumstances?
2. How does it encourage you that while Mary was in great sorrow, Jesus not only sent angels but appeared to her himself calling her by name?
3. What does it say to you that after appearing to Mary, he gave a message to share?

Group Discussion:

1. What parallels do you see between the witness of the shepherds looking for swaddling clothes and the disciples seeing the grave clothes?
2. How is it that Peter and John would not understand the Scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead? (20:9 and Luke 24:44-47)
3. Why would John include two disciples, two angels, and multiple women in his description of this event?
4. Given John's use of light and dark, what importance do you give to the fact that Mary came to the tomb early while it was still dark?

Family Devotions:

1. What day of the week was it when the empty tomb was discovered?
 - a. Why was that important?
2. Why was it important that the body was gone but the grave clothes were still there?
3. Who was the disciple who ran with Peter?
4. What was the message Jesus gave Mary for the disciples?

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John Chapter 20: 19-31

Verse: John 20: 30-31

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book, 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Personal Reflection:

1. What does it mean to you that after revealing himself to the disciples, Jesus said he was sending them as witnesses?
2. When have you been with Thomas in his need to see and touch? What helped you move from seeing to believing?

Group Discussion:

1. How does John use evening and locked doors to bring more meaning to the appearance of the risen Jesus?
2. Why does John emphasize the hands and side of Jesus (verse 20) in this appearance of Jesus?
3. What was Jesus asking Thomas to believe? How does that relate to verse 30?

Family Devotions:

1. How many things can you remember that happened on the first day of the week?
2. What job did Jesus give the disciples?
3. Who was absent at the first meeting with the disciples?
4. Why did John write this book?

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John Chapter 21

Verse: John 21:22

Jesus said to him, “ If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

Personal Reflection:

1. When has Jesus revealed himself to you in a new way after you had spent a long dark or frustrating time?
2. Have you ever felt like one of the disciples left in the boat? Someone else is called to a close experience with Jesus and you are pulling the net full of fish. What was God teaching you?
3. How would your life be different if you like Peter knew you were going to be a martyr?

Group Discussion:

1. John says this is the third time Jesus was revealed after his resurrection. What do we learn about Jesus from this appearance? How does this meal differ from the feeding of the 5000 or the 4000?
2. How does this interaction between Jesus and Peter (verses 15-17) fit into your understanding of the Gospel?
3. What has changed between Peter’s declaration that he would die for Jesus (13:37) and Jesus revealing that he would die a martyr's death? (21: 18-19)
4. How does the last verse of this chapter (21:25) relate to the first three verses of this book? (1:1-3)

Family Devotions:

1. Whose idea was it to go fishing?
2. Who recognized that the man on the shore was Jesus?
3. When else did Jesus serve a meal of fish and bread?
4. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter the same question three times?
5. What did Jesus tell Peter to do to demonstrate his love?

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