

## **John Lesson 56 Jesus' Death and Burial John 19:30-42**

**Pray:** Before you begin lift your heart to God and ask for the Spirit's help as you read the passage and work through these questions in His divine presence and you certainly will be given understanding.

### **Background:**

**Day of Preparation:** the day the Passover Lamb was slaughtered.

**The bodies of criminals** who were crucified were not to be left hanging overnight. It was forbidden by the law ( Deuteronomy 21:22-23 "If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, (23) his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.)

**Broken legs:** a crucified person could prolong his life by taking some of his body's weight on his feet. When his legs were broken, his chest was more fully constricted and he quickly died from lack of blood and air flow.

### **Read John 19: 30-42**

1. In John 19:30 we read that Jesus, Himself, gave up His Spirit, which resulted in His physical death. In John 19:31 what did the Jews ask of Pilate and why?

From John 19:31-37 John relates two separate incidents and ends by saying that each "took place that scripture might be fulfilled" The first incident relates to the breaking of legs.

2. Complying with the request of the Jews, the soldiers were sent to break the legs of the three hanging on the crosses. They broke the legs of the two criminals. Why didn't they need to break Jesus, legs?  
19:33 How did this fulfill scripture? John 19:36 and Psalm 34:20

3. A recurrent theme in John has been Jesus as "The Passover Lamb" Read Exodus 12:46 and Numbers 9:12. According to these two verses what was not to be done to the passover lamb? How do these two verses point to Jesus as our Passover Lamb, again fulfilling scripture.?

**Application:** In the Hebrew's "exodus from Egypt" the blood of the slaughtered passover lamb placed on the doorpost allowed "the angel of death to pass over that household. With that in mind what did Christ's shed blood and death do for the believer? (Matt 1:21, Heb.9:14) How does knowing that Jesus died in your place affect your relationship with the Lord and your future hope?

4. The second incident John cites as fulfilling scripture was the piercing of Jesus side. How did this fulfill scripture? Zechariah 12:10 Why did John add his eyewitness to this and the other incident? John 19:35

5. If Jesus did not actually die then our sins would not be atoned for. In this passage how does John give evidence that Jesus was actually dead?

6. Thinking ahead to the resurrection why would John also want to establish the physical death of Jesus?

**Application:** How could you use any or all you have just learned about Jesus' death when witnessing to an unbeliever?

Application: What stood out to you in this lesson?