

## THE YEAR IN OUR LORD, 2010-2011

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- Mar 27: The Lamb of God (Jn 1:19-29) • April 10: The Bread of Life (Jn 6:22-35)
- April 17: The Hour Has Come (Jn 12:20-26) • **April 22: It Is Finished (Jn 19:16-30)**
- April 24: Peace Be With You (Jn 20:19-23)

### IT IS FINISHED: A GOOD FRIDAY MESSAGE (JOHN 19:16-30)

#### **I. Darkest Before the Dawn**

#### **II. From Glory to Dust**

#### **III. Jesus Is Escorted to Golgotha (John 19:16-17)**

- A. After the Roman soldiers were done beating Jesus, they took hold of him and put the cross-beam on his shoulders.
  - 1. This is a standard procedure for those about to be executed by crucifixion.
  - 2. Imperial Rome did not take kindly to rebels.
- B. In Jesus' case, the pain of bearing the cross-beam is heightened by the flogging he had already endured.
- C. In other accounts of this event (Mt 27:32; Mk 15:21; Lk 23:26), we learn that Jesus was in so much pain that he needed help carrying his own cross-beam.
- D. The Romans take Jesus to *Golgotha*, "The Place of a Skull," for his execution. —Golgotha was so named because it was the site of crucifixions.
- E. Crucifixion was a violent and brutal form of execution.
  - 1. It was slow and prolonged death.
  - 2. The victim could die from a combination of ...
    - a. Blood loss
    - b. Heat stroke
    - c. Asphyxiation
- F. In the Jewish mind, crucifixion was a form of hanging, which meant that the victim was cursed and forsaken by God (Dt 21:22-23). —The use of crucifixion to kill Jesus was surely designed to utterly demoralize his disciples.

#### **IV. Jesus Is Crucified (John 19:18)**

#### **V. The King of the Jews (John 19:19-22)**

- A. The Romans wrote down the charges against the victims on tablets and attached them to their crosses.
- B. Jesus was crucified for being the King of the Jews.

- an irony because Jesus truly was Israel’s King!
- C. The chief priests were not comfortable with the way the charge was written but Pilate refuses to change it (19:21-22).

#### **VI. Two Groups of Bystanders (John 19:23-27)**

- A. There were the Roman soldiers, marked by callousness (19:23-24).  
B. There were the women disciples: Mary, Jesus’ mother, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene (19:25).  
C. Jesus entrusts his mother to the beloved disciple (19:26-27).

#### **VII. Jesus Dies (John 19:28-30)**

- A. Jesus says, “I thirst” to fulfil Scripture.  
—Everything about the crucifixion of Jesus was determined by God beforehand.  
B. After receiving the sour wine, Jesus says “It is finished” and he dies.  
C. What is the significance of those last words?  
1. “It is finished” is a single word in the original language.  
2. It was the word that people would write on a bill after it had been paid.  
3. By his death, Jesus has paid the bill of debt that we owe to God for our sins.  
D. But why is one man’s death enough to pay for the sins of the world?  
1. It has to do with who that “one man” is.  
2. Jesus’ death is sufficient because his life is of infinite worth and unlimited value.  
3. Jesus’ life has infinite worth because Jesus is none other than God in human flesh (Jn 1:1).  
—Therefore, Jesus’ death is more than enough to completely cancel our debt incurred by all our sins (Col 2:13-15).  
E. Who caused the death of Jesus—ultimately?  
—“...the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isa 53:6)

#### **VIII. Benefiting from Jesus’ Finished Work**

*By crushing his infinitely priceless Son in our place, God the Father has diverted his punishment for our sins into himself, satisfying his own demand for cosmic justice. Those who trust in Jesus to do away with their sins will be forgiven by God and reconciled to him.*

<sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

<sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

(Colossians 2:13-15)