

# The Gospel of John

## The Death and Burial of Christ

### John 19:19-42

We have finally reached the climax of Christ's earthly ministry. The time has come to drink the bitter cup before Him and bear the sins of the world. The time has come to give His life for the redemption of man.

### The Setting

- Takes place on Wednesday, 14th of Nisan, from 9:00 a.m. until dusk
- Begins at Golgotha and ends at the Garden Tomb.

### The Story

- The Crucifixion
  - The charge is posted by Pilate that Christ was King of the Jews – vs. 19-20
    - It is written in three languages (Hebrew/Aramaic, Greek, and Latin) so all could read it.
  - The priests protest the wording, but Pilate stands – vs. 21-22
  - The soldiers fulfill scripture in parting His clothes – Psalm 22:18 – vs. 23-24
  - The women close to the cross – vs. 25
  - Care of Mary given to John – vs. 26-27
  - Christ is given vinegar to drink – vs. 28-29
    - This is *posca*, made by mixing 1 part wine vinegar to 4 parts water and adding spices. It is the common drink of the Roman soldiers.
  - “It is Finished” – vs. 30
  - The bodies to be removed before Passover – vs. 31
  - The legs of the others broken but Christ is already dead – vs. 32-33
  - Christ's side is pierced – vs. 34
    - The water is from the heart sac (pericardium)
  - The fulfilled prophecy – Psalm 34:20, Zechariah 12:10 – vs. 35-37
- The Burial
  - Joseph of Arimathea receives the body – vs. 38
  - Nicodemus aids in the burial – vs. 39
  - The body is prepared – vs. 40
  - The body is buried around dusk – vs. 41-42