

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
 The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ
"The Crucified King"
 John 19:17-24 NKJV

[17] And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, [18] where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. [19] Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. [20] Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. [21] Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews.'"" [22] Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." [23] Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. [24] They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Main Points

1. **The King Bears the Cross** — (vv.17–18) The cross was carried by Jesus, but it was planned by God. Jesus was not dragged to the cross because He was powerless. He went willingly because He came to save sinners.
2. **The King Is Proclaimed on the Cross** — (vv.19–22) The sign above Jesus' head told everyone who He really was: Jesus is King. The sign above the cross was meant to announce His crime, but God used it to announce His crown.
3. **The King Fulfills Scripture at the Cross** — (vv.23–24) The soldiers thought they were just gambling for Jesus' clothes, but God was fulfilling His Word. What looked like chance at the foot of the cross was providence in the hand of God.

Instruction (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?
Inspiration (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?
Imitator of Christ (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?
My prayer this week:

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus appear in this moment—strong or weak—and what is actually happening to Him in this passage?

2. Why would John emphasize Jesus' kingship even while He hangs on the cross, and what is the significance of the title placed above Him?

3. The soldiers divided Jesus' garments but gambled for his seamless tunic to avoid tearing it. Why did John go out of his way to emphasize that seemingly insignificant, secular actions fulfilled prophecy?

4. What is one thing the Holy Spirit is teaching you today that you need to obey?

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Isaiah 53:12 NKJV Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Luke 23:32-33 NKJV There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. [33] And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

1 Peter 3:18 NKJV For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

John 12:32-33 NKJV And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." [33] This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

John 1:46 NKJV And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Luke 23:38 NKJV And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS

Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), [14] that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.— Christ became a curse for us.

Zechariah 9:9 NKJV " Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey

Psalms 2:6 NKJV "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

Revelation 7:9-10 NKJV After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Isaiah 53:3-6 AMP He was despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and pain and acquainted with grief; And like One from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or esteem Him. [4] But [in fact] He has borne our griefs, And He has carried our sorrows and pains; Yet we [ignorantly] assumed that He was stricken, Struck down by God and degraded and humiliated [by Him]. [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing]; The punishment [required] for our well-being fell on Him, And by His stripes (wounds) we are healed. [6] All of us like sheep have gone astray, We have turned, each one, to his own way; But the LORD has caused the wickedness of us all [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing] To fall on Him [instead of us].

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Galatians 3:13 NKJV Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

Genesis 3:21 NKJV Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Luke 23:34 NKJV Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Matthew 27:35 NKJV Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."

Psalms 22:16-18 NKJV For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; [17] I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. [18] They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

Psalms 22:18 NKJV [18] They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.