

## **Cruel and Unique Punishment: Jesus' Crucifixion (John 19:23-42)**

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### **Introduction**

#### **Casting Lots for His Clothes (19:23-24)**

<sup>23</sup> So when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and made four parts, a part for each soldier, also the tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven from the top throughout.

<sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it will be," so the Scripture [Psalm 22:18] might be fulfilled, which says: «They divided My garments among themselves, And for My clothing they cast a lot.» So the soldiers did these *things*.

#### **See Your Mother (19:25-27)**

<sup>25</sup> Now His mother, and His mother's sister *in law*, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala were standing by the cross of Jesus.

<sup>26</sup> So, seeing His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing, Jesus told His mother, "Ma'am, see your son."

<sup>27</sup> Then He told the disciple, "See your mother." And from that hour the disciple welcomed her into his home.

#### **The Father's Work Is Complete (19:28-30)**

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus seeing that everything had now been completed, said (so the Scripture might be completed) "I thirst."

<sup>29</sup> So a vessel full of sour wine was setting, and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put hyssop around it, and held it to His mouth.

<sup>30</sup> So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "*My Father's work* is complete." And bowing His head, He delivered up His spirit.

#### **A Soldier Pierces Jesus' Side (19:31-37)**

<sup>31</sup> Therefore Judean *leaders* asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and they might be removed, so the bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day, since it was preparation *day*).

32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

33 But when they came to Jesus, they did not break His legs, when they saw He was already dead.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

35 Now he who saw this has testified (and his testimony is true, and he knows he speaks true *things*), so you • may believe.

36 For these *things* happened so the Scripture would be fulfilled: «Not a bone of Him will be broken.»

37 And again another Scripture says: «They will look unto Him whom they had pierced.»

#### **Joseph and Nicodemus (19:38-42)**

38 After these *things*, Joseph from Arimathea (who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of Judean *leaders*) asked Pilate that he might remove Jesus' body and Pilate consented. So he came and removed Jesus' body.

39 Now Nicodemus who (the first time) had come to Jesus at night, also came, bringing a mixture of about seventy-five pounds of myrrh and aloe.

40 So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with aromatic spices in linen *cloths*, as is the burial custom for Judeans.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one yet had been buried.

42 So they put Jesus there (because of the Judean Preparation *Day*), since the tomb was nearby.

#### **Conclusion**