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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN · LEADER'S SHEET · THURSDAY MAR 25

John **19** · week 19 of 21

Behold the Man, Behold Your King · Answers and notes for Thursday

READ MONDAY – WEDNESDAY · MEET THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 25

Answers to every worksheet question, with the exact NASB key-word counts. Personal questions are marked "Personal."

THE WEEK

Monday	Read John 19 straight through, then again with a pen and mark it · Mon, Mar 22
Tuesday	Read the study notes; answer the Observe questions and count the key words · Tue, Mar 23
Wednesday	Interpret, Weigh the Teachers, the Word study and Apply · Wed, Mar 24
Thursday evening	Together: watch the John 19 part of the film, go through the worksheet, pray · Thu, Mar 25

KEY VERSE

> **JOHN 19:30 · NASB**
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> *"Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."*

From the scourging to the burial in one day. Pilate tries to wash his hands of Jesus, the priests disown their King, and Jesus dies with a victor's cry. John was there and wants you to believe.

John 19 *Behold the Man, Behold Your King*

KEY VERSE 19:30

Theme of the chapter. The innocent Man, crowned with thorns, is the true King, condemned by a governor whose authority came from above and rejected by leaders who chose Caesar. On the cross He fulfills Scripture, provides for His mother, finishes the work the Father gave Him, and freely gives up His spirit. His real death is witnessed, and His burial draws secret disciples into the open.

KEY WORD COUNTS (NASB)

Pilate	**15**	vv. 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, 31, 38 (×2)
king	**8**	vv. 3, 12, 14, 15 (×2), 19, 21 (×2)
crucify / crucified	**12**	vv. 6 (×3), 10, 15 (×2), 16, 18, 20, 23, 32, 41
cross	**4**	vv. 17, 19, 25, 31
fulfill	**3**	vv. 24, 28, 36
body	**3**	vv. 38 (×2), 40

JOHN 19:1–7 Behold the Man

1 OBSERVE *What did the soldiers do to Jesus (19:1–3)? What does Pilate say when he brings Him out (19:4–5)?*

> Pilate had Him scourged; the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns, put a purple robe on Him, mocked "Hail, King of the Jews!" and slapped Him. Pilate: "I find no guilt in Him." "Behold, the Man!" (19:5).

2 INTERPRET *Sproul says the crowd should have answered, "Yes, here is man as God intended him to be." What did Pilate mean by "Behold, the Man!" and what does John want you to see?*

> Pilate meant pity or contempt. John lets it mean more: the true Man, with no fault in Him, stands in a mock robe, and the crowd cries, "Crucify!"

3 OBSERVE *What was the real charge against Jesus (19:7), and how did Pilate react (19:8)?*

> "He made Himself out to be the Son of God" (19:7). "When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid" (19:8).

JOHN 19:8–16 Behold Your King

4 OBSERVE *What does Pilate claim, and how does Jesus answer (19:10–11)?*

> "Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" Jesus: "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin" (19:11).

5 INTERPRET *Guzik: "In reality, God held the power." What does 19:11 teach about earthly authority and about degrees of sin?*

> Pilate's power was real but lent from above. The one who delivered Jesus has the greater sin; Pilate has less, but not none.

6 OBSERVE *What finally moved Pilate (19:12)? What did the chief priests say when he said, "Behold, your King!" (19:14–15)?*

> "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar" (19:12). "We have no king but Caesar" (19:15).

7 APPLY *Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and still handed Him over because he feared man. Where does the fear of man decide things for you?*

> Personal. The study's confession: the fear of man.

JOHN 19:17–27 The King on the Cross

8 OBSERVE *What did Pilate write on the cross, in what languages, and how did he answer the chief priests (19:19–22)?*

> "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews," in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. "What I have written I have written" (19:22).

9 WEIGH THE TEACHERS *Pilate meant to mock the Jews. Spurgeon: "Divine Providence always has its way!" Henry: it foretold "that Jesus Christ should be a Saviour to all nations, and not to the Jews only." How did God use Pilate's sign?*

> God turned the mocking title into a proclamation of the King in the world's three languages.

10 OBSERVE *What did the soldiers do with His clothing, and which Scripture did it fulfill (19:23–24)?*

> They divided His outer garments into four parts and cast lots for the seamless tunic, fulfilling Psalm 22:18 (19:24).

11 OBSERVE *What did Jesus say to His mother and to the disciple He loved (19:26–27)?*

> "Woman, behold, your son!" and "Behold, your mother!" "From that hour the disciple took her into his own household" (19:27).

12 APPLY *Dying, Jesus provided for His mother. Who in your family needs you to take responsibility for them?*

> Personal. The study's example: the Son who cared for His mother.

JOHN 19:28–30 Finished

13 OBSERVE *What did Jesus know, what did He say, and what were His last words (19:28–30)?*

> He knew "that all things had already been accomplished." He said, "I am thirsty." After the sour wine He said, "It is finished!" and "He bowed His head and gave up His spirit" (19:30).

14 WEIGH THE TEACHERS *Tetelestai is one word in Greek, perfect tense. Spurgeon: "Why improve on what is finished? Why add to that which is complete?" What does "It is finished" mean for a man still trying to earn God's favor?*

> The work of salvation is complete and stays complete. Nothing can be added. Sproul: "His mission had been fulfilled."

15 INTERPRET *Everyone has been handing Him over in the Passion. In 19:30 He gives up His own spirit. Read 10:18. What does that show?*

> No one took His life; He laid it down on His own initiative. He died as a Victor, not a victim.

JOHN 19:31–37 Pierced

16 OBSERVE *Why were the legs not broken, what did a soldier do, and what came out (19:33–34)?*

> They saw that He was already dead. A soldier pierced His side with a spear, "and immediately blood and water came out" (19:34).

17 OBSERVE *Why does John say he is telling this (19:35)? Which two Scriptures were fulfilled (19:36–37)?*

> "So that you also may believe" (19:35). "Not a bone of Him shall be broken" (Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20) and "They shall look on Him whom they pierced" (Zechariah 12:10).

18 INTERPRET *John quotes Zechariah 12:10 here and again in Revelation 1:7. What day does Zechariah 12 describe?*

> A day when God pours out the Spirit of grace on the house of David and Israel looks on the One they pierced and mourns. The study reads it as a promise to national Israel still ahead.

JOHN 19:38–42 Buried

19 OBSERVE *Who asked for the body, what had kept him hidden, and who came with him (19:38–39)?*

> Joseph of Arimathea, "a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews" (19:38). Nicodemus came, "who had first come to Him by night," bringing about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloes (19:39).

20 APPLY *Joseph and Nicodemus came out of hiding at the worst possible moment. What would coming out of hiding for Jesus look like for you?*

> Personal. The study's command: come out of hiding.

WORD STUDY

21 WORD *tetelestai (teleō) (G5055), to finish, accomplish, pay in full. John uses the same verb in 19:28 and 19:30. What did Jesus finish?*

> The work the Father gave Him: the sacrifice for sin, Scripture fulfilled, the Father glorified (17:4). Tenney's "Paid in full" (via Guzik) is a fair picture.

22 WORD *anōthen (G509), from above. Pilate's authority was "from above" (19:11), the same word translated "again" in 3:3. What ties the two together?*

> Both power and new life come from God, not from man. Pilate could not give himself authority any more than Nicodemus could give himself new birth.

ACTS 17:11 The Chosen check

> ACTS 17:11 · NASB
> *"...examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."*

WATCH THIS WEEK

No episode in Seasons 1–5 covers John 19 (the crucifixion is in Season 6)

Answers and notes for the Chosen check. Let the group find the differences in the text before you give them.

C1 OBSERVE

Which details of the cross does only John record?

> Jesus entrusting His mother to the beloved disciple (19:26–27), "It is finished" (19:30), the pierced side with blood and water (19:34), and Nicodemus at the burial (19:39).

C2 OBSERVE

Read 19:35. Why does John say he wrote what he saw?

> So that you also may believe.

C3 INTERPRET

What did the episode add that John 19 does not say? Does the addition help you see the text, or does it change what the text means?

> Additions are not automatically wrong; they are not Scripture. The test is whether an addition changes what the text says about Jesus.

C4 APPLY

The Bereans received the word eagerly and examined the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Where are you most tempted to let a picture, a sermon or a feeling stand in for the text?

> Personal. Press for one concrete habit: reading the chapter before watching, and checking every scene against it.

The Chosen is a drama, not Scripture. God's Word is the truth; where the film differs, the Word wins.