





2018



READING JOHN

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- Discussion with Pilate (31-37)
- Burial of Jesus (38-42)
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OUTLINE OF JOHN 18-19

A. John 18:1-11

Arrest of Jesus ("I am")

B. John 18:12-27

Jesus before Annas / Peter's denial ("I have spoken openly to the world")

C. John 18:19-19:16a

Jesus before Pilate ("I came to testify to the truth")

D. John 19:16a-42

Crucifixion and burial of Jesus ("It is finished")

A GENERAL COMMENT

In general

- All four Gospels tell the same basic story.
- The sequence can vary significantly.
- The details are changed to reflect the teaching of the Evangelist
- Extra stories are added

A GENERAL COMMENT

Special in John

- The arrest in the Garden
- Peter's denial v. Jesus' declaration of the truth
- The role of the Beloved Disciple (BD)
- The role of Annas / Caiaphas
- The conversations with Pilate
- The role of the mother and the BD
- The last words of Jesus

A GENERAL COMMENT

Understanding of salvation

- **Healing:** John 3:14-15 and throughout
- **Love:** John 3:16 and throughout
- **New creation:** John 1:1 and in other places
- **Service:** John 13:1-17
- **Liberation:** John 1:19 and throughout


WHAT'S MISSING?

- No Simon of Cyrene
- No mocking
- No penitent thief
- No darkness
- No counting of the hours
- No tearing of the veil of the Temple
- No cry of dereliction
- No Earthquake
- No opening of the graves
- No confession of the centurion

COMMON TRADITION

- Jesus bears his own Cross
- Golgotha
- Two thieves
- Inscription "King of the Jews"
- Clothing is divided
- Mary Magdalene and other women
- Vinegar / sour wine
- Jesus' last words
- His death is confirmed
- Joseph of Arimathea

LAYOUT OF THE SCENES



16B-22	Discussion [with Pilate]
23-27	Mother and Beloved Disciple
28-30	Death of Jesus
31-37	Discussion [with Pilate]
38-42	Burial of Jesus

(I) 16B-22 DISCUSSION [WITH PILATE]

16b So **they** took Jesus;

17 and carrying the cross **by himself**,

he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull,
which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

18 There they crucified him,

and with him two others, **one on either side**,
with Jesus **between** them.

19 **Pilate** also had an inscription written
and put on the cross.

It read,

**"Jesus of Nazareth,
the King of the Jews."**

(I) 16B-22 DISCUSSION [WITH PILATE]

20 Many of the **Jews** read this inscription,
because the place where Jesus was crucified was near
the city;

and it was written in **Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.**

21 Then the **chief priests of the Jews** said to Pilate,

“Do not write,

‘The **King of the Jews,**’

but,

‘This man said,

I am **King of the Jews.**”

22 Pilate answered,

“What I have written I have written.”

(II) 23-27 MOTHER AND BELOVED DISCIPLE

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus,
they took his **clothes** and **divided them** into four parts,
one for each soldier.

They also took his **tunic**;
now the tunic was seamless,
woven in one piece **from the top**.

24 So they said to one another,
“Let us not tear it,
but **cast lots** for it to see who will get it.”

This was to fulfil what the scripture says,

“They **divided** my **clothes** among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast **lots**.”

25 And that is what the soldiers did.

(II) 23-27 MOTHER AND BELOVED DISCIPLE

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his **mother**, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus saw his **mother** and the **disciple whom he loved** standing beside her, he said to his mother,

"Woman, here is your son."

27 Then he said to the **disciple**,

"Here is your mother."

And **from that hour** the disciple took her into his own home.

(III) 28-30 DEATH OF JESUS

28 After this, when Jesus **knew** that all was now **finished**,
he said (in order to **fulfil** the scripture),

“I am **thirsty**.”

29 A jar full of **sour wine** was standing there.

So they put a sponge full of the **wine** on a branch of
hyssop

and held it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus had received the **wine**,
he said,

“It is **finished**.”

Then **he** bowed his head and gave up his **spirit**.

(III) 28-30 DEATH OF JESUS

Gen 2:1 The heavens and the earth were **completed** with everything that was in them. **2** By the seventh day God **finished** the work that he had been doing, and he ceased on the seventh day all the work that he had been doing.

Gen 2:1 Kai **synetelesthēsan** ho ouranos kai hē gē kai pas ho kosmos autōn. **2** kai **synetelesen** ho theos en t hēmera tēs hektēs ta erga autou, ha epoiēsen, kai katepausen tē hēmera tē hebdomē apo pantōn tōn ergōn autou, hōn epoiēsen.

(III) 28-30 DEATH OF JESUS

- They put bitter poison into my food, and to quench my thirst they give me **vinegar** to drink. (Ps 69:21)
- kai edōkan eis to brōma mou cholēn kai eis tēn dipsan mou epotisan me **oxos**. (Ps 68:22)

(III) 28-30 DEATH OF JESUS

Num. 19:6 The priest shall take cedarwood, **hyssop**, and crimson material, and throw them into the fire in which the heifer is burning.

Num. 19:18 then a clean person shall take **hyssop**, dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the furnishings, on the persons who were there, and on whoever touched the bone, the slain, the corpse, or the grave.

Psa. 51:7 Purge me with **hyssop**, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ex. 12:22 Take a bunch of **hyssop**, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two door posts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning.

AN INTRIGUING POSSIBILITY

[Mark 15:33](#) When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. [34](#) At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "**Eloi, Eloi,** lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [35](#) When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for **Elijah.**" [36](#) And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether **Elijah** will come to take him down."

AN INTRIGUING POSSIBILITY

[Psa. 22:11](#) ʿālêkâ hāš^laktî mērāhem mibbeten ʿimmî

ʿelî ʿattâ

[Psa. 22:10](#) Pss 63:2; 118:28; 140:7;

On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me

you my God.

[Psa. 22:11](#) עֲלֶיךָ הִשְׁלַכְתִּי מִרְחֹם מִבֶּטֶן אִמִּי

אֵלִי אָתָּה

Eliatta = Eli atta = My God, it is you!

Eliatta = Elia tha = Elijah, come!

(III) 28-30 DEATH OF JESUS

Mark and Luke: he expired
(exepneusen)

Matthew: he let his spirit depart
(apheken to pneuma)

John: he handed over his spirit
(paredoken to pneuma)

(III) 28-30 DEATH OF JESUS

John 7:39 Now he said this about the **Spirit**, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was **no Spirit**, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the **Advocate** will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**”

(IV) 31-37 DISCUSSION [WITH PILATE]

31 Since it was the day of **Preparation**,
the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during
the sabbath,
especially because that sabbath was a day of great
solemnity.

So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men
broken and the bodies removed.

32 Then the soldiers came
and broke the legs of the first and of the other
who had been crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus
and saw that he was already dead,
they did not break his legs.

(IV) 31-37 DISCUSSION [WITH PILATE]

34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear,
and at once **blood** and **water** came out.

35 (He who saw this has testified
so that you also may believe.

His **testimony** is true,
and he knows that he tells the **truth**.)

36 These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled,

“None of his bones shall be broken.”

37 And again another passage of scripture says,

**“They will look on the one whom they
have pierced.”**

(V) 38-42 DISCUSSION [WITH PILATE]

38 After these things, **Joseph** of Arimathea, who was a **disciple** of Jesus, though a **secret** one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus.

Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

39 **Nicodemus**, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of **myrrh and aloes**, weighing about a **hundred pounds**.

MYRRH AND ALOES

[Psa. 45:8](#) your robes are all fragrant with **myrrh** and **aloes** and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

[Prov. 7:17](#) I have perfumed my bed with **myrrh**,

aloes, and cinnamon.

[Song 4:14](#) nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon,

with all trees of frankincense,

myrrh and **aloes**,

with all chief spices—

[John 19:39](#) Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of **myrrh** and **aloes**, weighing about a hundred pounds.

(V) 38-42 DISCUSSION [WITH PILATE]

40 Then they took Jesus' body and wrapped it,
with the aromatic spices,

in strips of **linen cloth**

according to Jewish burial customs.

41 Now at the place where Jesus was crucified
there was a **garden**,

and in the **garden** was a **new tomb**

where no one had yet been buried.

42 And so, because it was the **Jewish day of preparation**

and the tomb was nearby,

they placed Jesus' body there.

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PRAYER

From the throne of grace, O God of mercy,
hear the devout prayer of your people.

As your Son is lifted high upon the cross,
draw into his exalted life all who are reborn in
the blood and water flowing from his opened
side.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our
Passover and our peace, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy
and mighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONVERSATION

