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That You May Believe Studies in John's Gospel
Part 54
"Truth Has Stood Love Lays Down Its Lífe"
John 19:17-22; Luke 23:26-38
Sunday July 25, 2021

John 19:17-22

- 17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.
- **18** There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.
- **19** Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."
- **20** Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek.
- 21 So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"
- 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Luke 23:26-38

- **26** When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.
- **27** And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and *wailing over* Him.
- **28** But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but **be weeping** for yourselves and for your children.
- **29** For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'
- **30** Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'
- **31** For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"
- **32** Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.
- **33** When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.
- **34** But (while this was being done) Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them (release them from the legal consequence); for they are not aware of what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.
- **35** And the people stood by, *observing*. And, *also*, the rulers were *contemptuously ridiculing* Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One." (*Also, the two thieves at this point Mt. 27:44*)

36 The soldiers also were mocking Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, (which He did not accept Mt. 27:34)
37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"
38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING

• Sentiment or compassion

OF THE JEWS."

- The essence of true forgiveness
- The age-old accusation
