

John 18 & 19 - The Arrest and Execution of Jesus

Psa 62:11-12 Nlrv God, I have heard you say two things. One is that **you, God, are strong**. 12 The other is that **you, Lord, are loving**...

- There is probably no event that displays this more clearly than the things surrounding the arrest and execution of Jesus Christ.

You, God are strong

"I am"

Joh 18:3-6 ESV So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, **"I am he."** Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, **"I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.**

- A band of soldiers came to arrest him (300-600 soldiers)
- Knowing all that would happen **he came forward** and said **"Whom do you seek?"**
- "I am" - "he" is not in the original Greek - Literally it says, "I AM" - **they fell to the ground**
 - Joh 8:58-59 ESV Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.
 - Joh 8:24 ESV I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."

His submission to the will of the Father

He did not defend himself

- 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, **"Put your sword into its sheath;**
 - **His power & love was seen in that** He healed the man's ear - Luk 22:51

He drank the cup He was strong to say YES to the will of the Father

- **shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"** 12 So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

His showed restraint

- Mat 26:52-54 ESV Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 **Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?** 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

The power of the word of God - as seen in fulfilled prophecies

- John 19:23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." **This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."** So the soldiers did these things,
- **28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."** 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **"It is finished,"** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
- **31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. 32 So 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. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness--his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth--that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."**

His bones were not broken

- Psa 34:20 ESV He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

They will look on him whom they have pierced

- From Zec 12:10 ESV

Psalm 22 [587 BC] is a Psalm that has many prophecies related to the execution of Jesus - we see in this the power of God in that he knows, and predicts, watches over and fulfills his word

Psa 22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Mark 15:34)

Psa 22:7-8 ESV All who see me **mock** me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; **"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

- Matt. 27:39-44 ESV these are the words of the chief priests, scribes and elders as they , **mocked him.....He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him**

Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

- They pierced his side, water and blood poured out.
- Bones come out of joint from hanging

Psa 22:15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and **my tongue sticks to my jaws**; you lay me in the dust of death.

- He was thirsty Joh 19:28-30 ESV After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **"I thirst."**

Psa 22:16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet--

- Surrounded by Gentile - they pierced his hands and feet (Mark 15:24-26)

Psa 22:17 I can count all my bones-- **they stare and gloat over me**;

Psa 22:18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. (Matt 27:35)

Psa 22:27-28 & 31 All the **ends of the earth** shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. 28 For **kingship belongs to the LORD**, and he **rules** over the nations.....31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to **a people yet unborn**, that **he has done it**.

- **"He has done it"** - in Hebrew - **"It is finished"** - these were the last words of Jesus
- John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **"It is finished,"** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

You, Lord, Are Loving - He cared for his own

He showed it by saying "Let these men go"

- 7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: **"Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one."**

He showed it be caring for his mother while dying on the cross

- 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.
- NOT IN THIS CHAPTER - but to the thief **"today you shall be with me in paradise"**
- Perhaps salvation came to the very men who executed him
 - Mat 27:54 ESV When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, **"Truly this was the Son of God!"**